



U.S. sending aircraft carrier to Mideast, citing Iran threats

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is sending an aircraft carrier group to the Middle East ahead of schedule and warning that Iran and its proxy forces are showing "troubling and escalatory" indications of a possible attack on American forces in the region.

Exactly what prompted the action was unclear, but it marked a further step in sharply rising tensions between the Trump administration and the Islamic Republic.

National Security Adviser John Bolton said Sunday night the U.S. was deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the Middle East, intending to send a message that "unrelenting force" will meet any attack on American forces or allies.

"The United States is not seeking war with the Iranian regime, but we are fully prepared to respond to any attack, whether by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps or regular Iranian forces," he said.



This April 27, 2016, file photo, shows the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln at Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Va.

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Neither Bolton nor other officials would provide any details about the supposed threat, which comes as the Trump administration wages a campaign of intensi-

fying pressure against Iran and nearly a year after it withdrew from an Obama-era nuclear deal with Tehran.

In Iran, the semi-official

ISNA news agency on Monday quoted an anonymous official as saying that Iranian President Hassan Rouhani planned a broadcast address Wednesday and

might discuss "counteractions" Tehran will take over America's withdrawal from the international nuclear deal.

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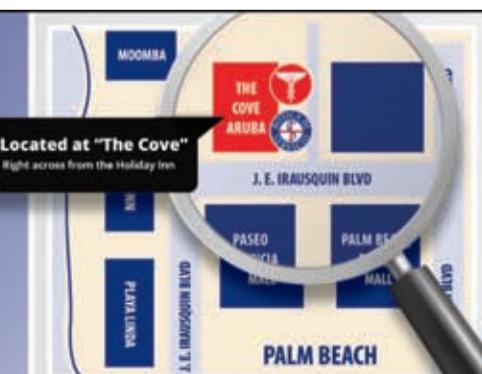




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U.S. to add 30,000 seasonal worker visas as soon as this week

By COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration plans to allow 30,000 more foreign workers temporarily into the United States for seasonal work through the end of September, a move that reflects how the booming economy has complicated President Donald Trump's efforts to restrict legal immigration.

Details of the plan were in a draft rule obtained by The Associated Press. It would benefit oyster shucking companies, fisheries, loggers and seasonal hotels, including Trump's own Mar-a-Lago club — all of which use the visas to hire migrants for temporary work they say Americans won't do.

The visas, known as H-2Bs, will be granted only to returning foreign workers who have had the visa before, over the last three fiscal years. Many of the visa holders return to the same employers year after year. Those workers have already been vetted and are trusted and not likely to stay past their visa, officials



In this April 25, 2017 photo, Stephen Faulkner, far left, owner of Faulkner's Landscaping & Nursery, installs an irrigation system alongside workers Gonsalo Garcia, center, and Jalen Murchison, right, at a landscape project in Manchester, N.H.

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said.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will begin taking applications from employers on behalf of the workers once the temporary rule is published in the Federal Register, expected on Wednesday.

The strong economy has made it increasingly dif-

ficult for employers to find labor, and the number of seasonal visas has been capped at 66,000 per fiscal year — a figure some businesses and lawmakers say is badly outdated, especially when the unemployment rate is the lowest it's been in 49 years.

Employers have argued that they desperately need

more labor, pitting businesses against those both inside and outside of the White House who say the visas take away American jobs. Trump has also benefited personally from both seasonal workers and people working in the country illegally at his golf clubs.

Within the White House, there are some, like adviser Stephen Miller, who seek to restrict legal immigration, including reducing visas for high-skilled workers and suspending or limiting entry to the U.S. for individuals from countries with high rates of short-term visa overstays. Meanwhile, Trump's son-

in-law Jared Kushner has been working on his own immigration overhaul package for months, meeting with lawmakers and interest groups, trying to put together legal immigration and border security changes that Republicans can rally around heading into the 2020 presidential election.

Trump had once railed against legal immigration, arguing — despite conflicting evidence — that foreigners hurt American workers by competing for jobs and driving down wages. But Trump has recently changed his tune, saying he's now in favor of more legal immigration because of economic gains on his watch.

Trump announced the change during his State of the Union speech, when he said he wanted people "to come into our country in the largest numbers ever, but they have to come in legally."

The debate has played out in Congress, too, with two bipartisan groups sending letters to Homeland Security, one urging an increase in the number of temporary visas and one expressing concern over a possible increase.

Homeland Security and Labor Department officials said the decision to allo-

cate the visas was based in part on the fact some businesses could face irreparable harm if they can't employ the workers. The two departments have jointly decided to raise the cap during the past two fiscal years, but it was only 15,000 more in those years.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan said Monday the additional visas were a temporary fix.

"The Department of Homeland Security continues to urge lawmakers to pursue a long-term legislative fix that both meets employers' temporary needs while fulfilling the president's Buy American and Hire American executive order to spur higher wages and employment rates for U.S. workers," McAleenan said.

According to the most recent data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on visa approvals, half of the visas went to horticultural and agricultural workers. Food service, forestry and logging work and fisheries, hunter trappers made up the bulk of the rest of the 2017 visas.

Sens. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, a Republican, and independent Angus King of Maine, along with Reps. Andy Harris, R-Md., and Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, and about 25 other bipartisan lawmakers in the House and Senate, sent a letter to Homeland Security this year saying they were working on a solution for the visa cap, but until then the increase was badly needed.

But a separate group of bipartisan senators, including Democrat Dick Durbin of Illinois and Iowa Republican Chuck Grassley, wrote last month they were concerned the visas enabled worker exploitation and fostered human trafficking and debt bondage because of the fees associated with the visas.

"Americans working alongside H-2B visa holders can find it difficult to compel employers to abide by federal and state labor and employment laws," the senators wrote. □

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The agreement limited Iran's enrichment of uranium amid Western concerns that Tehran's program could allow it to build nuclear weapons. Iran insists its program is for peaceful purposes.

With its pressure campaign, the U.S. administration is trying to get Iran to halt activities such as supporting militant activities that destabilize the Middle East and threaten U.S. allies, including Israel, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said.

"Our objective is to get the Islamic Republic of Iran to behave like a normal nation," Pompeo told reporters during a visit to Finland. "When they do that, we will welcome them back."

The order to the carrier group would get the Abraham Lincoln into the Middle East about two weeks earlier than initially planned following exercises in the Mediterranean region, according to a U.S. defense official who wasn't authorized to speak publicly, so spoke on the condition of anonymity. It forces the ships to cancel a planned stop in Croatia.

For years, the U.S. maintained a carrier presence in the Persian Gulf and Middle East region. During the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, there were two carriers in the area, but that was reduced to one.

Last year the administration decided to end the continuous carrier presence, and send a strike group only intermittently into the region. The U.S. Navy currently has no aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf.

Bolton said the U.S. wants to send a message that "unrelenting force" will meet any attack on U.S. interests or those of America's allies.

Jon Alterman, senior vice president at the Center for

Strategic & International Studies, questioned whether the U.S. adequately understands Iranian motivations and actions, and whether the military move was warranted.

"I don't think we should let the Iranians pull our chain at the time and place of their choosing," he said. "You can communicate seriousness to the Iranians without moving a lot of assets around, because moving assets is expensive and keeps assets from being in other places."

He added, however, that Iran has the capability to harm Americans, but it's difficult to assess the situation without knowing more about the intelligence that prompted the move.

Along with the Lincoln, Bolton mentioned "a bomber task force," which suggested the Pentagon is deploying land-based bomber aircraft somewhere in the region, perhaps on the Arabian Peninsula.

Pompeo said the actions undertaken by the U.S. have been in the works for a while. The request for the accelerated move came over the weekend from the military's U.S. Central Command after reviewing various intelligence reports for some time, according to the U.S. official. Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan approved the request on Sunday.

"It is absolutely the case that we have seen escalatory actions from the Iranians and it is equally the case that we will hold the Iranians accountable for attacks on American interests," Pompeo said. "If these actions take place, if they do by some third-party proxy, a militia group, Hezbollah, we will hold the Iranian leadership directly accountable for that."

Asked about "escalatory actions," Pompeo replied, "I don't want to talk about



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo talks to the media on the sidelines of the Arctic Council ministers' working dinner at the Arktikum museum in Rovaniemi, Finland, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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what underlays it, but make no mistake, we have good reason to want to communicate clearly about how the Iranians should understand how we will respond to actions they may take."

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Monday

that the carrier move sends an important message to Iran but the administration needs to give Congress more information.

"I worry that it could be misinterpreted," Blumenthal said. "I'm trusting that it isn't meant as a provocative act, but I need to know what the thought process

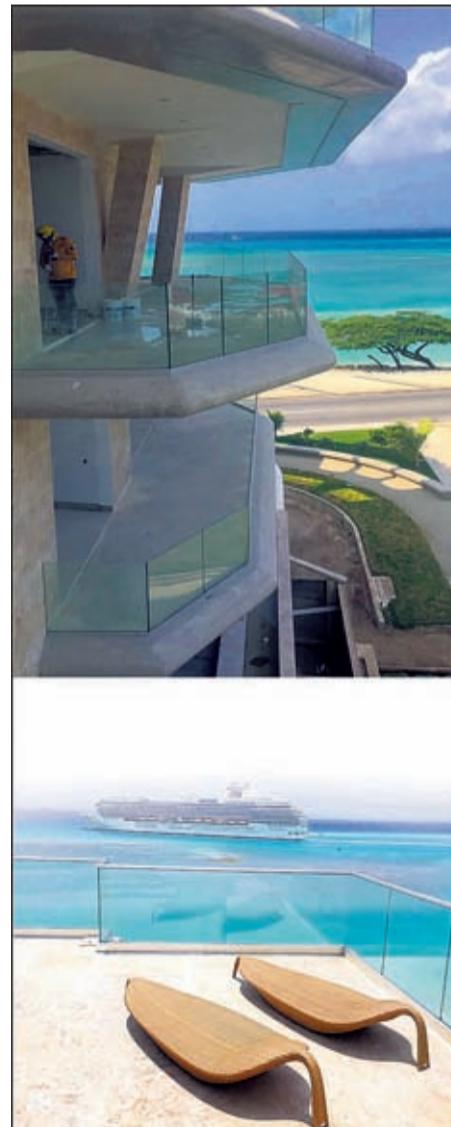
and justifications are."

Asked if the Iranian action was related to the deadly events in Gaza and Israel — militants fired rockets into Israel on Sunday and Israel responded with airstrikes — Pompeo said, "It is separate from that."

The Trump administration has been intensifying its pressure campaign against Iran.

Last month, President Donald Trump announced the U.S. would no longer exempt any countries from U.S. sanctions if they continue to buy Iranian oil, a decision that primarily affects the five remaining major importers: China and India and U.S. treaty allies Japan, South Korea and Turkey.

The U.S. also recently designated Iran's Revolutionary Guard as a terrorist group, the first ever for an entire division of another government. □



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Treasury denies Democrats' request for Trump tax returns



In this April 9, 2019, file photo, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin testifies before a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

By ANDREW TAYLOR and JONATHAN LEMIRE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has made it official: The administration won't be turning President Donald Trump's tax returns over to the Democratic-controlled House.

Mnuchin told Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., in a Monday letter that the panel's request "lacks a legitimate legislative purpose" as Supreme Court precedent requires.

In making that determination, Mnuchin said he relied on the advice of the Justice Department. He concluded that the Treasury Department is "not au-

thorized to disclose the requested returns and return information."

He said the Justice Department will provide a more detailed legal justification soon.

The move, which was expected, is sure to set in motion a legal battle over Trump's tax returns. The chief options available to Democrats are to subpoena the IRS for the returns or to file a lawsuit. Last week, Neal promised "we'll be ready" to act soon after Monday's deadline.

Treasury's denial came the same day that the House Judiciary panel scheduled a vote for Wednesday on whether to find Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress for failing

to comply with a subpoena for a full, unredacted copy of special counsel Robert Mueller's report. Fights with other House panels are ongoing.

"I will consult with counsel and determine the appropriate response," Neal said in a statement Monday.

Neal originally demanded access to Trump's tax returns in early April under a law that says the IRS "shall furnish" the returns of any taxpayer to a handful of top lawmakers, including the chair of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

He maintains that the committee is looking into the effectiveness of IRS mandatory audits of tax returns of all sitting presidents, a way

to justify his claim that the panel has a potential legislative purpose. Democrats are confident in their legal justification and say Trump is stalling in an attempt to punt the issue past the 2020 election.

The White House and the president's attorneys declined to comment on the deadline to turn over Trump's returns.

Mnuchin has said Neal's request would potentially weaponize private tax returns for political purposes. Trump has privately made clear he has no intention of turning over the much-coveted records. He is the first president since Watergate to decline to make his tax returns public, often claiming that he would release

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them if he was not under audit.

"What's unprecedented is this secretary refusing to comply with our lawful ... request. What's unprecedented is a Justice Department that again sees its role as being bodyguard to the executive and not the rule of law," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J. "What's unprecedented is an entire federal government working in concert to shield a corrupt president from legal accountability."

But the president has told those close to him that the attempt to get his returns was an invasion of his privacy and a further example of what he calls the Democrat-led "witch hunt" — like Mueller's Russia probe — meant to damage him.

Trump has repeatedly asked aides as to the status of the House request and has not signaled a willingness to cooperate with Democrats, according to a White House official and two Republicans close to the White House.

He has linked the effort to the myriad House probes into his administration and has urged his team to stonewall all requests. He also has inquired about the "loyalty" of the top officials at the IRS, according to one of his advisers.

Trump has long told confidants that he was under audit and therefore could not release his taxes. But in recent weeks, he has added to the argument, telling advisers that the American people elected him once without seeing his taxes and would do so again, according to the three White House officials and Republicans, who were not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity. □

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Michael Cohen goes to prison, slamming Trump along the way

By MICHAEL R. SISAK and
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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Cohen took a last swipe at President Donald Trump while reporting to federal prison Monday to start a three-year sentence for crimes including tax evasion and campaign finance violations related to hush-money payments made to protect his former boss. Cohen, who turned on Trump last summer after a decade as his personal lawyer, fixer and "take a bullet" loyalist, didn't mention the president by name, but he left little doubt about whom he blamed for his incarceration.

"I hope that when I rejoin my family and friends that the country will be in a place without xenophobia, injustice and lies at the helm of our country," Cohen told reporters outside his Manhattan apartment. "There still remains much to be told, and I look forward to the day where I can share the truth."

Cohen, 52, then stumbled through a crush of media, ignoring shouted questions, and got into a waiting Cadillac Escalade, which drove him to jail 70 miles (115 kilometers) northwest of New York City.

He got a slight jump on his prison sentence, arriving at the Federal Correctional Institution, Otisville, at around 11:45 a.m., more than two hours before a court-imposed deadline.

The prison has a minimum-security camp that's become known for the white collar criminals it houses and the amenities — including tennis courts, boc-

ce ball and rugelach in the commissary — that it affords them.

Cohen — officially Inmate No. 86067-054 — took off the blue blazer he wore on the ride up and left it with his driver before walking into prison, where he was to be provided with a khaki uniform.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons confirmed Cohen was in its custody but declined to provide details of his confinement, citing privacy and security rules.

At Otisville, officials took extra measures to deal with the intense media interest in Cohen's arrival. They put up concrete barriers along the two-lane road leading to the facility and deployed cones and caution tape to keep about two dozen reporters and photographers from getting too close. Cohen had fought to delay or reduce his sentence but failed in a last-ditch effort to convince federal prosecutors that his cooperation in various investigations related to Trump warranted leniency.

Cohen's lawyer and spokesman, Lanny Davis, said Cohen would continue to be available to cooperate with law enforcement, though it's unclear how much his cooperation is wanted.

Since mid-March, federal prosecutors in New York have rebuffed Cohen's repeated offers to provide more information about alleged wrongdoing by Trump and other people in his orbit, Davis said.

His legal team asked House Democrats last month to intercede with prosecutors after Cohen testified on



Michael Cohen, former attorney to President Donald Trump, leaves his apartment building before beginning his prison term Monday, May 6, 2019, in New York.

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Capitol Hill in February and March, but they were reticent to do so.

"Michael may be sentenced within the walls of a federal correctional institution. But the truth has no walls," Davis said in a statement Monday.

In an essay published Sunday, a Trump Organization executive wrote that Cohen was "a bluffing, boasting New Yorker" who overstated his role at the company and that he only had himself to blame for going to prison. Cohen had no real decision-making authority and was rather "a lone wolf constantly seeking the boss's approval and fearing others would take his credit," George Sorial wrote in The Wall Street Journal. Cohen is the only person charged with a crime in connection with the hush-money payments to women who allegedly had affairs with Trump.

Federal prosecutors have said Trump directed Cohen to arrange the payments to buy the silence of porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal in the run-up to the 2016 election. Trump denies having trysts with either woman. □

Cohen also pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about a Trump Tower project in Moscow, to bank fraud, and to tax evasion charges that stemmed, not from his dealings with Trump, but from his failure to report income from other business interests. □

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States seek to cut off religious exemptions for vaccination

By SUSAN HAIGH
Associated Press

Connecticut's Attorney General gave state lawmakers the legal go-ahead Monday to pursue legislation that would prevent parents from exempting their children from vaccinations for religious reasons, a move that several states are considering amid a significant measles outbreak. The non-binding ruling from William Tong, a Democrat, was released the same day public health officials in neighboring New York called on state legislators there to pass similar legislation. Most of the cases in the current outbreak have been in New York state.

Tong offered no stance on whether the Connecticut General Assembly should scrap the exclusion, but he made it clear in the seven-page letter there is nothing in the law that would prevent the state from ending the exemption.

"There is no serious or reasonable dispute as to the State's broad authority to require and regulate immunizations for children: the law is clear that the State of Connecticut may create, eliminate or suspend the religious exemption," Tong wrote, adding that it's within the state's "well-settled power to protect public safety and health."

Connecticut is just one of several states considering whether to end longstanding laws that allow people



In this March 13, 2019 file photo, mothers Ariana Rawls, left, of Stratford, Conn., and Shannon Gamache, right, of Ashford, Conn., talk to reporters about legislative efforts to change the state's vaccination laws at the Capitol, in Hartford, Conn.

Associated Press

to opt out of vaccinations for religious purposes. In the face of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases, some have alleged religious exemptions have been abused by "anti-vaxxers" who believe vaccines are harmful despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

But the proposals to eliminate the opt-outs have also sparked emotional debates about religious freedom and the rights of parents.

Most religions have no prohibitions against vaccinations, according to Vanderbilt University Medical Cen-

ter in Tennessee. Yet the number of people seeking the religious exemption in Connecticut has been consistently climbing. There were 316 issued during the 2003-04 school year, compared to 1,255 in the 2017-18 school year.

Democratic House Majority Leader Matt Ritter, of Hartford, who wants the General Assembly to vote on ending the exemption, had requested Tong's formal opinion — his first since taking office in January.

It's unclear when or if Connecticut lawmakers might vote on ending the exemption this session, which ends

June 5.

"I think there's a growing consensus that Connecticut is going to need to do something pretty bold in the coming weeks, coming months," Ritter said last week.

While Connecticut's state-wide immunization rate is high — 96.5% of kindergarten students are vaccinated for measles, mumps and rubella — concern persists about the growing number of families that have sought the religious exemption in recent years and the likelihood of bogus exemptions. The state's Department of Public Health released school-by-school data for the first time on Friday that showed more than 100 out of more than 1,300 public and private schools listed fell below the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended 95% immunization rate among kindergarteners.

In neighboring New York, medical organizations and county health officials on Monday called for eliminating that state's religious exemptions for vaccines and allowing only medical exemptions. Most of the nation's 764 reported cases of measles, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, have been in New York. Health officials

there say the majority of its cases have occurred in Orthodox Jewish communities in New York City and nearby Rockland County.

Connecticut has had three confirmed cases of measles, including one tied to New York.

Last week, the Maine state Senate moved to end philosophical exemptions to vaccines but stopped short of ending religious exemptions. The bill still awaits further legislative action. And last month, California's Senate Health Committee approved a proposal to give state public health officials, instead of doctors, the power to decide which children can skip their shots before attending school.

Meanwhile, the Colorado legislature last week abandoned efforts to make it harder for parents to option their children out of vaccines.

The bill had drawn big crowds of vaccination opponents to the state Capitol. In Connecticut, parents' rights groups, socially conservative groups and dozens of Republican lawmakers have balked at the discussion of rolling back the state's religious exemption. Angry parents have appeared at the Capitol for weeks, making it clear to legislators they believe their rights are at risk.

"They want to stop people who they think are abusing the religious exemption and that is incorrect. The government has zero right to ask you what your religion is or for you to explain it," said Shannon Gamache, of Ashford, in a recent interview. She chose not to have her son fully vaccinated after he experienced what she believes were adverse side effects from a vaccine. All 50 states have laws requiring students to have certain vaccinations. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, all but Mississippi, West Virginia and California grant religious exemptions. As of Jan. 30, the conference said 17 states allowed people to exempt their children for personal, moral or other philosophical beliefs. □

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Students from Desert View High School sit by a banner after marching to the Pima County Sheriff's Department on Monday, May 6, 2019 in Tucson, Ariz.

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Students protest as high school senior faces deportation

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A high school football player who has been in the U.S. since he was a toddler was in custody for possible deportation to his native Mexico, prompting a protest Monday by classmates outside an Arizona sheriff's office.

Thomas Torres, who is scheduled to graduate May 22 from Desert View High School, was at a federal holding facility in Casa Grande, Arizona, according to the family he has been living with. Now, he is scheduled to appear in immigration court on that date.

Lorena Rodriguez said Torres had lived for years at her family's home, where he shared a room with her brother, who also is set to graduate. Their caps and gowns are already hanging in the bedroom closet. Torres' detention, coming shortly before a major rite of passage in the only country he remembers, is a stark example of the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration.

Rodriguez, who launched a GoFundMe page to raise money for Torres' legal costs, said the young man was a toddler when his relatives brought him from Mexico in search of a better future. She said his parents had long since returned to Mexico, leaving him alone in the U.S., and he had lived with her family throughout high school.

"People like Thomas are needed in this country," Rodriguez wrote on the fundraising site. "He's a hard-working young man willing to better his future."

Torres played on the Desert View High School football team and regularly worked several jobs, including busking tables at a restaurant and yardwork, friends said. Although deportation proceedings involving high school students who have reached adulthood are not uncommon, the outpouring of support from Torres' classmates seemed unusual. A large portion of the population in Tucson's southern district, where the school is located, is Mexican-American.

Torres' classmates marched about 4 miles (6.5 kilometers) from the school to the sheriff's office to demand his release. They also called on all law enforcement agencies to not collaborate with immigration authorities.

"Thomas is the American Dream," said one of the many homemade signs carried by students protesting outside the sheriff's office. Other signs read, "Abolish the Border Patrol" and "Without Justice, There is No Peace."

Torres was taken into custody Thursday after a traffic stop by sheriff's deputies and turned over to Border Patrol, said Victor Mercado, a spokesman for the Sunnyside Unified High School District.

Border Patrol spokeswoman Meredith Mingledorff confirmed Monday that Torres is in federal custody and faces immigration charges after the agency was contacted by the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

There was no information on where Torres was when he was stopped. □



In this March 15, 2018, file photo, emergency personnel respond after a brand-new pedestrian bridge collapsed onto a highway at Florida International University in Miami.

Associated Press

Records: Cracks in Miami bridge grew 'daily' before collapse

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)

— Just hours before a pedestrian bridge collapsed and killed six people at a Miami university, engineers confirmed that cracks in the concrete structure "increased in length daily," according to meeting records released Monday by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The meeting included officials from the state and Florida International University, which was building a pedestrian bridge over a busy roadway when the span fell onto traffic, killing six people in March 2018.

Minutes of the meeting were released after previously being blocked as the National Transportation Safety Board investigated the collapse. Cracks found in the span were discussed at length.

"CEI confirmed cracks have increased in length daily," the notes said, referring to the construction, engineering and inspection team.

The Florida Department of Transportation asked FIGG Bridge Group, the company that designed the span, "Are you going to continue

to figure out why it happened?"

"FIGG responded that all we 'know is that it just happened,'" said the notes taken by the university.

FIGG went on to say that there was no concern about the safety of the span and that nothing should be done about repairing the cracks until after construction of the back span. The construction and inspection team still raised concerns, saying, "it wanted more eyes on this and that the more eyes on this, the better. FIGG concurred."

Hours later, the 174-foot-long (53-meter) span fell onto traffic flowing on a busy highway beneath the bridge.

While the state released the records, it said it wouldn't comment further until after the NTSB finishes its investigation.

Last week the now bankrupt construction company that built the bridge and its insurers reached an agreement to pay up to \$42 million to surviving victims of the collapse and the families of those killed. □

Premier, challenger defend Australian intel agency bosses

By ROD McGUIRK

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Australia's prime minister on Monday defended the nation's intelligence agency bosses after a former prime minister described them as "nutters" who have damaged bilateral relations with China.

Former Prime Minister Paul Keating on Sunday urged his center-left Labor Party to "clean them out" — referring to the security agency chiefs — if Labor wins government at elections next week.

Conservative Prime Minister Scott Morrison said that Australian security agencies had prevented 15 terrorist attacks in Australia since the national threat level was increased in 2014. "For what the Labor Party calls a Labor legend to go out there and attack the credibility of our security agencies that have been



Opposition leader Bill Shorten speaks at the launch of Labor's federal election campaign at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in Brisbane, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Associated Press

saving lives in this country, I think is very disappointing," Morrison told reporters.

Labor leader Bill Shorten, whom opinion polls suggest will replace Morrison

as prime minister after the May 18 election, distanced himself from Keating's comments.

"Paul Keating's an elder statesman of Australian

politics, he's never been shy of saying what he thinks, but for myself and my opposition team, we've worked very well with the national security agencies,"

Shorten told reporters. "We, of course, will continue to take the professional advice of the people who help keep Australians safe." Keating, a 75-year-old who was prime minister from 1991 until 1996, made scathing comments about the Australian Security Intelligence Organization and the Australian Secret Intelligence Service during an interview televised by Australian Broadcasting Corp. after Labor's official campaign launch.

Relations between Australia and its most important trading partner, China, became strained after former conservative Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced in 2017 plans to ban covert foreign interference in politics.

Keating said security agencies had "all gone berko" — a slang term meaning berserk — since Garnaut's report. □

Italy's Berlusconi picks up EU campaign outside hospital

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi was discharged from a Milan hospital on Monday, six days after intestinal surgery and vowed to continue his campaign for a seat in the European Parliament.

Berlusconi, 82, told reporters outside San Raffaele Hospital he had some fear when he was hospitalized last week for abdominal pain, which led to a diagnosis of an intestinal blockage.

"This made me think I had reached the end of the line. Instead, I made a formidable comeback," he said.

Berlusconi said he would rest for a while and not lead any election rallies but would campaign for a seat in the European Union legislature on TV, radio and other media. He's running in this month's election for Forza Italia, the party the media mogul founded a quarter-century ago when he jumped into politics.

"I still feel useful for the future of Italians, Europeans



Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi speaks to reporters as he leaves the San Raffaele hospital where he underwent laparoscopic surgery for an intestinal obstruction last week, in Milan, Italy, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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and of the West," Berlusconi said.

After getting out of the hospital, he didn't waste time blasting the populist coalition now governing Italy, saying the two coalition partners "can only

do one thing, squabble." One of the governing parties is the right-wing, anti-migrant League party, which was a key ally in Berlusconi's own coalition governments as premier in three stints. Led by hard-

line Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, the party has seen soaring popularity in opinion polls and tension with its governing partner, the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement.

Berlusconi said he hopes

Forza Italia will be a linchpin of a majority center-right alliance in the European Parliament that could keep nationalist forces at bay. He laid out a vision for a trans-European center-right partnership, including perhaps Salvini and "that crazy head of Orban," a reference to right-wing Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

Salvini has been wooing Orban for a different political alliance, and the two bonded in Hungary last week over their determination to keep migrants and asylum-seekers out of Europe. He has been working with far-right movements in France, Germany and other northern countries to create a strong populist group in the European Parliament, with the aim of completely reshaping the continent's policies.

Berlusconi said he wants to see the European Union become a world power on a military level and to "assume the role of unifying the West, which today is divided." □

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French telecom giant Orange on trial over staff suicides

By NICOLAS VAUX-MON-TAGNY

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The toll is shocking: 19 suicides, 12 suicide attempts and eight cases of serious depression among employees at France's main telephone and internet company over three years.

A long-awaited trial began Monday in Paris accusing the telecom giant Orange and seven former or current managers of moral harassment and other charges. The company was called France Telecom at the time of the suicides.

The case initially involved 39 employees with mental health problems, including the almost half who killed themselves.

Another 126 people asked Monday to join the case, saying they also were damaged by what they call a culture of unsustainable pressure as Orange was undergoing job cuts and restructuring a decade ago. Unions say France's big companies haven't learned any lessons from what happened at France Telecom, and about 200 activists demonstrated outside the courthouse Monday to urge a conviction.

The defendants include the former president of France Telecom, Didier Lombard, former human resources di-



French unions members demonstrate at the start of the trial of French group France Telecom in front of the Paris' courthouse, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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rector Olivier Barberot and former deputy executive director Louis-Pierre Wené. They spoke briefly one by one Monday at the trial, which is the largest to date in France for moral harassment on a company-wide scale.

The defendants are suspected of having "degraded work conditions of personnel that risked hurting their rights and dignity, altering the physical or mental health (of personnel), or compromising their professional future."

Four other officials are suspected of complicity in

moral harassment. In France, moral harassment can be punished by a year in prison and a fine of 15,000 euros (\$16,790). Orange itself is also on trial, and the court could order the company to grant additional damages to each civil party in the case.

An investigation into the wave of employee suicides between 2007 and 2010 was opened following a complaint from the Sud union. At the time, Lombard allegedly referred to the deaths as "the fashion." Lombard, who was replaced as France Telecom

chief in 2010, has denied all the charges. He attributed the suicides, attempted suicides and cases of depression to "local difficulties with no links to each other" and no relation to the company's job cuts at the time.

The indictment lists the employees who took their lives or tried to, some on the job. Michel, 50, left a note about his decision to end his life on July 29, 2009, according to the prosecutor's report. Michel's note denounced "the permanent sense of urgency, overwork, absence of training, the total disorganization of the compa-

ny" plus "management by terror."

"I'm taking my life because of my work at France Telecom. It's the only reason," the note said.

A month earlier, Christel, 37, slashed her veins in an apparent bid to kill herself in front of two superiors who told her hours earlier she would be transferred. In March 2009, 52-year-old Hervé was preparing to jump from an office window but the noise he was making drew others to his rescue.

Jean-Michel, a father of three children, was 53 when he threw himself in front of a train on July 2, 2008, while on the phone with two union delegates.

France Telecom, once a state-owned monopoly, transformed into a private company in the 2000s. Lombard launched a restructuring plan aimed at shedding 22,000 jobs, but most employees were still considered civil servants and so were protected from layoffs.

As it sought to reduce staff, the indictment says the company imposed "excessive and intrusive control" on employees, assigned workers to demoralizing tasks, failed to provide training, isolated staff and used "intimidation maneuvers or threats and pay cuts." □

Gaza quiet after Israel, Hamas agree to cease-fire

By ARON HELLER

FARES AKRAM

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military lifted protective restrictions on residents in the south on Monday, while Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group reported a cease-fire deal had been reached to end the deadliest fighting between the two sides since a 2014 war. The escalation had killed 25 on the Gaza side, both militants and civilians, while on the Israeli side four civilians were killed by incoming fire.

The Islamic Jihad militant group, which Israel accused of instigating the latest violence, confirmed that a "mutual and concurrent" truce had been brokered by Egypt. Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said Egyptian mediators, along with officials from Qatar and the U.N., helped reach the deal. He said Hamas could still use "different pressuring tools" to get Israel to ease a crippling blockade of Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pointedly noted that "the campaign is not over, and it requires patience and judgment." The intense fighting over the past two days came to a halt early Monday and residents on both sides went back to their daily routines. Schools and roads had been closed, and Israelis had been urged to remain indoors and near



An elderly Palestinian man walks next to the rubble of multi-story building was hit and destroyed on Sunday by Israeli airstrikes, in Gaza City, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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bomb shelters as intense rocket fire pounded the area.

Israel and Hamas are bitter enemies and have fought three wars and numerous smaller battles since the Islamic militant group seized Gaza from Western-backed Palestinian forces in 2007.

In the latest fighting, which erupted over the weekend, Palestinian militants fired hundreds of rockets into Israel, while the Israeli military responded with airstrikes on some 350 militant targets inside Gaza, including weapons storage, attack tunnels and rocket launching and

production facilities. It also deployed tanks and infantry forces to the Gaza frontier, and put another brigade on standby. A Hamas commander allegedly involved in transferring Iranian funds to the group was killed in an airstrike, in an apparent return to Israel's policy of targeting militant leaders.

Palestinian medical officials reported 25 deaths, including at least 10 militants as well as three women, two of them pregnant, and two babies. The four Israeli civilians killed were the first Israeli fatalities from rocket attacks since the 50-day

war in 2014. One was killed when his vehicle was hit by a Kornet anti-tank missile near the Gaza border.

The Gaza public works ministry said 130 housing units were destroyed in Israeli airstrikes, including a five-story building in the northern Gaza Strip where six people, including a 12-year-old boy and an infant, were killed.

Egyptian mediators had been working with the U.N. to broker a cease-fire. Under past Egyptian-brokered deals, Israel has agreed to ease its joint blockade of Gaza with Egypt in exchange for a halt to rocket

fire.

The latest fighting broke out after Palestinian militants accused Israel of not honoring an earlier cease-fire deal from March and opened fire on soldiers on the Israeli side of the Gaza frontier.

The terms of the latest deal were not known, but recent cease-fires have been short-lived.

In weary communities in southern Israel, there was criticism that the latest round of fighting had ended without tangible results — and no hope that it would not recur soon.

"When we have the upper hand, we need once and for all to finish the terror because this will repeat itself and will not stop," said Jacque Mendel, a resident of the coastal city of Ashdod, where a man was killed in his car by a rocket Sunday night.

Israel appears to have little appetite for another prolonged conflict. Later this week, the country marks Memorial Day, one of the most solemn days of the year, followed by the festive Independence Day. Next week, Israel is to host the popular Eurovision song contest, and the fighting could have deterred visitors.

Even within his own ruling Likud Party, Netanyahu faced unusual criticism for not going further to quash Gaza militants. □

Libyan commander urges troops to press fight to take Tripoli



Libyans hold a demonstration at Martyrs' Square against military operations by forces loyal to Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter in Tripoli, Libya, Friday, May 3, 2019.

Associated Press

By SAMY MAGDY

CAIRO (AP) — A Libyan army commander whose forces are advancing on Tripoli is rallying his fighters on, despite U.N. calls for a weeklong cease-fire to coincide with the start of the fasting month of Ramadan on Monday.

The battle for the Libyan capital, which erupted in early April, has threatened to ignite a civil war on the scale of the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

The fighting has killed at least 432 people so far, in-

cluding combatants and civilians, according to the U.N. health agency.

The push was launched by the self-styled Libyan National Army, led by Khalifa Hifter and based in the country's east, which is seeking to take over the city and defeat militias loosely allied to a U.N.-supported government in Tripoli.

The World Health Organization said Monday that along with the 432 killed, 2,069 people have been wounded. The fighting has also displaced more than 50,000 people, WHO said.

The U.N. has repeatedly called for an end to the fighting. On Sunday, the U.N. mission said a "one-week humanitarian truce" would begin at 4 a.m. Monday and called on all parties to cease military operations, including reconnaissance and mobilization.

The truce would come as many Muslims across the world begin observing the fasting month of Ramadan. But in released comments, Hifter said Ramadan had not been a reason to halt previous battles when he took the eastern cities of Benghazi and Derna. □



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South Africa's populist party takes aim at ruling ANC

By MOGOMOTSI MAGOME
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — With revolutionary rhetoric, bright red outfits and left-wing policies, the Economic Freedom Fighters have shaken up South Africa's political landscape, becoming a potent challenge to the ruling African National Congress.

Firebrand leader Julius Malema, 38, has a knack for catching headlines and appealing to South Africa's youth. Although the EFF has little chance of winning power in the Wednesday elections, the party's populist stance has pulled the governing ANC to the left. At his final rally Sunday, Malema said his party is demanding a bigger share of South Africa's wealth from the country's white minority.

"White people, all we want is to join you at the dinner table and eat with you," said Malema to thousands of supporters in Soweto's Orlando Stadium. "If you do not want us to sit with you at the table, then we have no choice but to destroy the table."

It's a classic Malema quote, dramatically vowing to threaten the existing order. As South Africans prepare to vote on Wednesday in what is expected to be a hotly contested national election, the EFF is once again a potential game-changer. Various polls indicate the party may increase its share of the vote to at least 12%, cutting further into the ANC's support. When a group of rebellious youths broke away from the ANC in 2013, few saw



Leader of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) party, Julius Malema, addresses supporters during an election rally at Orlando Stadium in Soweto, South Africa, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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their new party as the beginning of a realignment of the country's politics.

But eight months later, the EFF secured 6% of the vote in the 2014 national elections, making it the country's third biggest political party with 29 representatives in parliament. Two years later in municipal elections the EFF was central to ushering in a new era of coalition politics, exposing the ANC as vulnerable after nearly a quarter-century in power. The EFF members wear red workers' overalls in parliament, saying the outfits show they represent the interests of South Africa's working class. With shouting, singing and other disruptive antics, the EFF representatives have been thrown out of parliament several times.

The EFF's militant, rebellious stance in parliament and the courts is partly credited with the removal from office last year of former president Jacob Zuma after persistent allegations of corruption.

Under Malema's charismatic leadership, the EFF is a divisive element with its populist brand of politics. Malema, a former ANC youth leader who was expelled from the party for criticizing then-president Jacob Zuma, has become one of the most influential politicians among South Africa's restless youth.

The EFF loudly promises that if elected it will expropriate white-owned land without compensation and nationalize South Africa's mines and banks.

Despite the dire econom-

ic consequences of such policies in countries like Venezuela and Zimbabwe, Malema's rhetoric has struck a chord with many black South Africans who remain poor 25 years after the end of apartheid, the harsh system of racial discrimination.

Malema draws capacity crowds when he speaks and many young South Africans see him as representing their struggles, while those who do not subscribe to his brand of politics see him as a radical who should never come close to a position of power.

Thapelo Thobejane, a 31-year-old resident of the teeming Alexandra township in Johannesburg, said he supports the EFF and Malema because he can relate to the party's mes-

sages about inequality in South Africa, especially in the workplace. He works as a waiter in a trendy downtown district.

"White workers earn more than black workers even though we have the same skills and do the same work," Thobejane said. "Malema is not afraid to speak about such things, and that encourages me because he is the only politician who seems to understand our everyday struggles."

Whites make up just under 10% of South Africa's population but still hold much of the country's wealth, while blacks make up nearly 80% of the population of 57 million.

Political analyst Ralph Mathekga, a researcher at the University of the Western Cape's Center for Humanities Research, attributed the EFF's popularity to the "drama and excitement" it brings. He expects the EFF to grow its electoral support to at least 10% in Wednesday's vote.

"They exposed South African politics as being very stale. Theirs is a mix of street, populist and intellectual politics," Mathekga said. "Their leaders are intellectual, educated elites but they appeal to ordinary people because they bring drama and excitement."

The rise of the EFF, despite being a leftist party, has similarities to the emergence of right-wing movements in parts of the world that have seen the election of populist leaders like Donald Trump in the United States and Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil. □

Demand for trial against clergy accused of abusing deaf kids

By ALMUDENA CALATRAVA

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — International and Argentine activists on Monday called on Pope Francis to ensure that his "zero tolerance" pledge against sexual abuses by clergy is enforced in his homeland and demanded a trial for those accused of raping deaf and mute children at a Catholic school.

Prosecutors say that members of the clergy abused at least 20 children at the Provolo Institute in Mendoza province. The case has caused a worldwide uproar and more than a dozen people face charges.

The Argentine group Church Without Abuses and the international organizations Ending Clergy Abuse and BishopAccountability.org met with alleged victims Monday and criticized the lack of justice in a case that began more than two years ago.

At least 20 children say they



People from organizations representing the victims of alleged abuse by members of the Catholic church, protest outside the archdiocese office in Mendoza, Argentina, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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were abused at the Provolo Institute by priest Nicola Corradi, priest Horacio Corbacho and three other men, who were arrested in 2016.

Dozens of students at another branch of the institute

in Italy say they were similarly abused for decades, some allegedly by Corradi. Both men are facing a preliminary hearing in Argentina, but the activists complain the process is taking too long.

"We came to Mendoza to show solidarity with the Provolo victims and echo their cry for justice," said Anne Barrett Doyle of the online resource Bishop Accountability.

"Pope Francis owes them

a personal apology for his complicity and silence. The Italian victims warned him for years that Corradi and others were working with children in Argentina. The pope did nothing."

The Italian Provolo students went public with tales of abuse in 2009 and named names. The Vatican ordered an investigation and sanctioned four priests, but Corradi apparently never was sanctioned.

The Verona diocese apologized to the Italian students in 2012. The students again accused Corradi, who was then living in Argentina, in a 2014 letter to the pontiff and the Verona bishop, but the Vatican still took no action.

In 2016, a Vatican official said Francis wanted to assure the victims that the church was taking measures to protect children and prevent sexual abuse. Unlike the Verona case, the statute of limitations has not expired for the alleged crimes in Mendoza. □

Cortizo declared winner in Panama president race

By JUAN ZAMORANO

KATHIA MARTÍNEZ

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Panama's Electoral Court has declared opposition candidate Laurentino Cortizo the winner of the country's presidential elections.

The court said Cortizo of the Democratic Revolutionary Party won 33%, with 95% of votes counted from Sunday's vote.

It said Cortizo, a cattle rancher, will formally be named president-elect on Thursday.

Cortizo said just after midnight Monday that "I call on all Panamanians to join in a national effort to correct the country's path, rescue the country and get the economy on the right track."

Second-place candidate and businessman Rómulo Roux of former President Ricardo Martinelli's Democratic Change party won 31% of the vote but has so far not conceded defeat.

The campaign focused



Presidential candidate Laurentino Cortizo, with the Democratic Revolutionary Party, speaks to supporters in Panama City, Monday, May 6, 2019.

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on corruption and slowing economic growth in this Central America trade and financial hub and turned into the tightest presidential contest in recent years.

Before the announcement, Roux vowed not to con-

cede defeat, saying the results were too close and suggesting that the race was marred by irregularities.

"We have to guarantee the protection of the electoral process and of democra-

cy. Right now, it's in doubt," Roux said, without providing any evidence of election tampering.

The PRD, which has social-democratic leanings, will return to power for the third time since the transition to

democracy three decades ago following the end of a military-led regime. The last time it was in power was from 2004 through 2009 during the administration of Martín Torrijos.

There is no runoff in Panama, so the top vote-getter in the field of seven mostly business-friendly candidates wins outright and takes office July 1 for a five-year term.

The election followed revelations of money laundering in the so-called Panama Papers that dinged the country's reputation on the world stage. The trove of secret financial documents showed how some of the world's richest people hid their money using shell companies in Panama and other countries.

Despite the scandal, Panama remains a strategic location for commerce, anchored by the heavily trafficked Panama Canal shipping route and a recently expanded international airport. □

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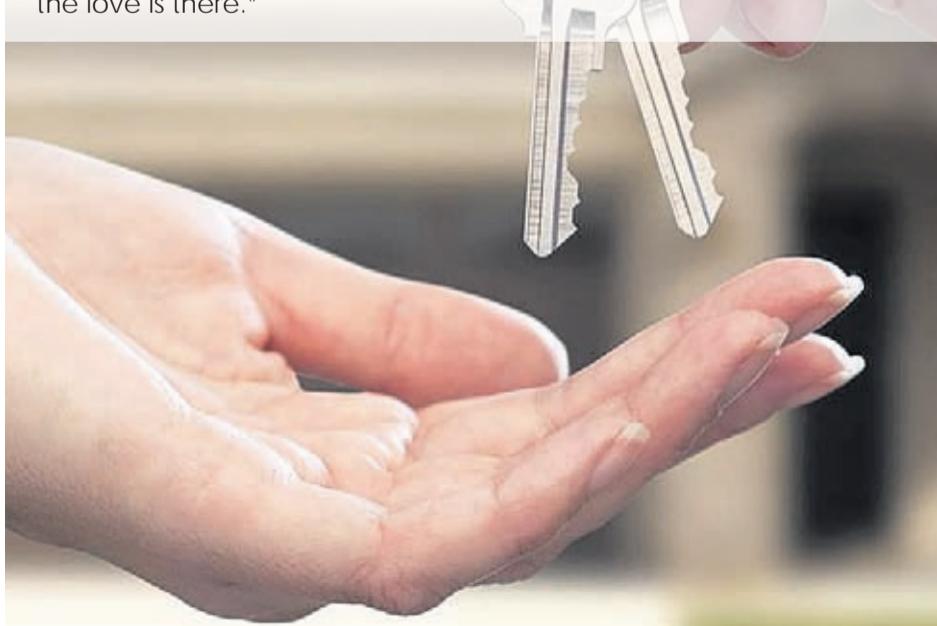
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Boratios, Beykes, Boitius, Whitch docter are some of the titels people use to identify those who practice the art of traditional healing. Locally they where known as Curanderos or Curiosos, "titles" which may have come from the inquisitive nature of those who practice the natural way of healing with assistance of spiritual powers of plants.



The journey

What is a Curioso? A Curioso is a spiritual healer of a group or tribe who adhere to the belief in ancient practices like the Caquetian Boratios Shamanism. The belief and practice incorporates a range of beliefs, customs, ceremonies and rituals regarding communication with the spiritual world in which their religious leader, a Curioso or Curandero enters a supernatural realm particularly when the tribe is facing adversity or need to obtain solutions to problems affecting their community including sickness.

The doctrine associated with Curanderia or Curiosos incorporates the ancient role of Shamans, which is probably one of the oldest beliefs man created which origins dates back to the Stone Age.

The term "Shaman" is derived from the Sanskrit word "sraman" meaning a worker or toiler.

Native American Shamanism.

There are two kinds of spiritual leaders or guides in prehistoric Caribbean Era: they were called "Beyke" and "Boitius". Beykes are ceremonial leaders and teachers of groups. The beyke's responsibility is to organize and lead group ceremonies which are necessary to maintain the balance and connection between the people and the Divine Consciousness of the Great Spirit. The goal is to learn and become an expert in the tradition so that he or she can then teach and be a vehicle for the evolution and blossoming of the group.

The boitius, on the other hand, is an explorer. The boitius's job is to go into realms where not everyone can go. The boitius does this through a technique called "journeying". The journey takes the boitius to places where she or he can gain spiritual power or wisdom and then bring it back to the community. These places are located



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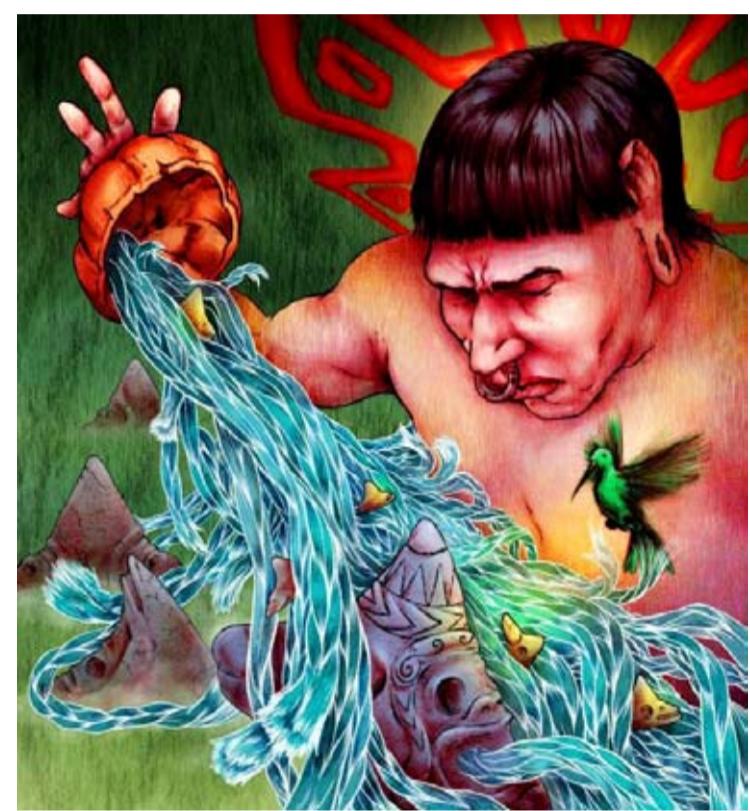
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Each week we share the most interesting and revealing articles regarding Aruba, a destination to be explored, we can find, and so doing uncover amazing and informative stories along the way.



The spirits

in the spiritual realms that are identified as the "Three Cosmic Levels" of shamanic geography; the Upper World, the Middle World and the Lower World. Some of the power that the boitius brings back from the spirit realm is used to heal. The boitius is what many know as a "shaman".

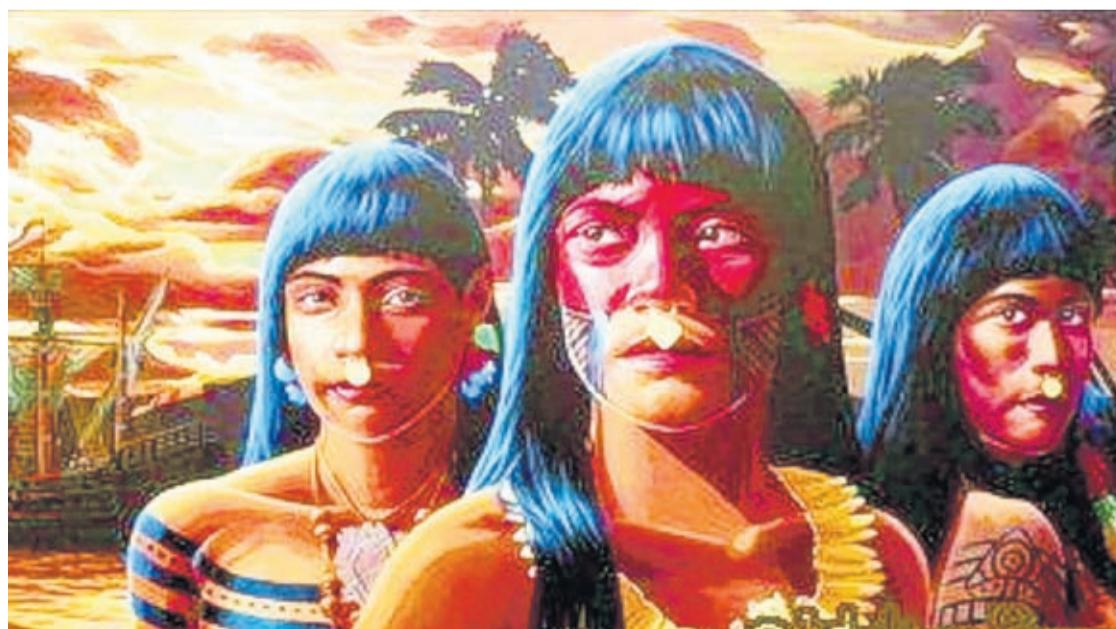
We must note that Shamanism is not a specific religion but a doctrine based on a belief that physical nature might be brought under the control of man, in the person of a Shaman. The Shaman is believed to have a spiritual connection with animals, supernatural creatures and all elements of nature. The Shaman helps members of the tribe to identify personal Animal Totems that are spirit guides who walk through life with them and sometimes appear in dreams or Vision Quests or on a Spiritual Journey in the form of an animal.

Shamanism is mixed with other beliefs such as Animism, Totemism, Ritualism and Fetishism beliefs

like in the case of Aruba's Curiosos and Curanderos who had incorporated or adapted Roman Catholic beliefs which they took over from the Spaniards to their existing natives' practices. Many items such as crucifix, rosary, candles and images or statues of saints were used in order to supplanting their natural spirits in order to maintain basic traditions.

The role of the Curioso or Curandero.

The healer uses appropriate words, objects and rituals to protect men from evil spirits - his role is that of opponent to the bad spirits and of guardian to the ordinary man. The role of the Curioso Curandero differs from tribe to tribe as there are some regional and tribal variations to their beliefs in Shamanism. There are, however, several common roles that are shared by every Shaman, Healer, Curioso or Curandero.



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He or she is a healer, communicator, educator, prophet and a mystic leader:

- Communicator: provider of help and advice to members of the community
- Educator: keeper of myth, tradition and community wisdom
- Healer: spiritual Healing powers and the ability to treat sickness caused by evil spirits - hence the westernized name Medicine Man.
- Prophet: ability to perform various forms of prophecy
- Mystic: wisdom to communicate with the spirit world, leave the body and enter the supernatural world to search for answers

In many tribes, including North American plain communities, the Medicine man also had the role of the head warrior or war chief which made him the most powerful and influential man of the tribe. □

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The spirits

Bohemian Restaurant: Eclectic Surprise with French Core



PALM BEACH — Avant-garde from France, nonconformist in style and ethnic in cuisine. That is what the new kid in town is about. Bohemian Restaurant is different, unconventional and a rebel with a cause. The cause is to make you feel king in this hidden garden with outstanding dishes that connect you to the European liaisons of Aruba.

A garden full of strong trees and dressed up in New York-style industrial-look elements creates a cosmopolitan vibe while at the same time the tropical breeze and outside dining connect to the Caribbean. Waiters with French barrettes and pant suspenders service you with a happy and loose style with on the background the sounds of underground chill music varied with French classics.

On Wednesdays Bohemian offers a special night with live Flamenco singer Angela Baidez. From 7 PM Spanish Paella and much more is on the menu, of course with pairing wines. The beautiful garden of Bohemian will be filled with lights, good food and live music in an

intimate, hip and offbeat ambience. Catchy Rumba Gitana and dramatic Spanish ballads combine with the passionately prepared dishes to tickle your taste buds to the max. Fridays and Saturdays DJ's play from 10 PM as Bohemian offers the whole concept from food to after drinks. The cool bar accommodates a daily happy hour at 5 PM by the way. Saturday's soul-touching singer Sanghita with guitarist Martin perform live from 7 PM on.

Bohemian Restaurant is a different swing, European flair and outside dining, a place from the same owner as the for years already successful Casa Tua restaurants. They know their dance well, but this time they lift it to a different level.

Free Parking available at the parking lot in front of Barcelo Resort. □

Make your reservations through their website: <https://bohemianaruba.com>. Call them at 00 297 280 8448. Facebook: Bohemian.

Memorial for Holocaust Victims in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Members of the Jewish community memorialized the six million victims of the Holocaust during the Second World War at a service in the Synagogue Beth Israel, led by Rabbi Daniel Kripper. The ceremony, called Yom Hashoah, took place on May 2nd, 2019 and was also attended by the Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Culture, Xiomara Maduro, Parliamentarian Mervin Wyatt-Ras and representatives of different churches.

The service had an extra dimension because of the recent happening that took place at a synagogue in Poway, California in the U.S., where

people were attacked during the service in the synagogue on the last day of Passover. Also the 257 victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka were part of the reflection of the evening at Beth Israel. The Rabbi explained that the yearly ceremony remembers a historic epic of a bad kind, but that unfortunately he still takes note of the existence of Neo-Nazi groups and other anti-Israel organizations in the world. He feels sad to see that not only synagogues are the targets of attacks, but also Christian churches, many times in countries where they are a minority and an easier target. "Terrorism will not stop," speaks the Rabbi. "These

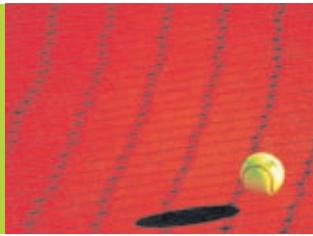


terrifying acts are often done in the name of God, but God preaches peace, harmony and solidarity." The Rabbi wishes that the Yom Hashoah or Holocaust and Heroism Memorial that is honoring the victims of the past, also links to the current times and the act of violence in the sense of a protests and contra-movements of hope and peace. Therefore he was very pleased to see representatives of other religions present during the ceremony. "All of us can relate to the present attacks and terrorism dangers, we are here to unite and

share ideals." David Cybul, member of the Jewish community, declared that this evening not only the six million Jewish victims are remembered as also the civilians, militaries, Catholics, Christians, Muslims, Gypsies, black people and many more that found death of the in total 72 million victims during World War II. The ceremony contained a spiritual part and showed the documentary "Defiant Requiem." More information about the synagogue can be found at: Facebook Beth Israel Synagogue Aruba. □



SPORTS



Marathon world record holder Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge poses for photographers next to an image of British athlete Roger Bannister, who in 1954 ran to become the first person ever to break the four minute mile barrier, at the Iffley Road Track, in Oxford, England, Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Associated Press

Kipchoge targets London for attempt at sub 2-hour marathon

By ROB HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

OXFORD, England (AP) — Eliud Kipchoge has funding from Britain's richest man for a bid to break the two-hour marathon barrier later this year.

The fastest marathon runner of all time announced plans for the record attempt during a visit to the track in Oxford where Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile 65 years ago on Monday.

"I want to unlock that thought that there are limitations in the human being," Kipchoge told The Associated Press at the Iffley Road track. "There are no barriers when you believe in yourself and try and trust in what you are doing."

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XANDER THE GREAT



Bogaerts hits slam in 7-run 8th, Red Sox beat White Sox 9-2

Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts, of Aruba, gestures after his grand slam against the Chicago White Sox during the eighth inning of a baseball game in Chicago, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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Luis Saez reacts after Maximum Security was disqualified from the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs Saturday, May 4, 2019, in Louisville, Ky.

Associated Press

Maximum Security out of Preakness; DQ to be appealed

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Taken down as the Kentucky Derby winner, Maximum Security is now out of the Preakness.

Maximum Security's owner said Monday he will not run the horse in the middle jewel of the Triple Crown and will appeal the disqualification as Derby winner.

Gary West told The Associated Press by phone there is "really no need, not having an opportunity to run for the Triple Crown to run a horse back in two weeks." The 1 1/8-mile Preakness is May 18 at Pimlico Race Course. Though shorter than the Kentucky Derby, the race requires a quick turnaround. West didn't want to burden his colt with the Triple Crown off the table.

Maximum Security is scheduled to leave Churchill Downs on Monday and arrive Tuesday at Monmouth Park, where trainer Jason Servis is based, the New Jersey track said.

"The horse will be better off long term with the rest," West said. "He ran a really good and a really hard race on Saturday."

"Really, there are a lot of other Grade 1 races the rest of the year for 3-year-olds. So we'll let him gather himself and point to one of the other races. I don't know which one that will be, but it will definitely not be the Preakness."

Maximum Security, the first to finish the muddy race by 1 3/4 lengths on Saturday, became the first Derby winner to be disqualified for interference. After an objection by two riders, stewards ruled the colt swerved out and impeded the path of several horses between the far and final turns. Country House, a 65-1 shot, was elevated to first.

Country House's status for the Preakness is unclear. That race would mark his fourth start in eight weeks. Trainer Bill Mott has said there's no rush to decide on whether he'll run in Baltimore. But he acknowledged the race's importance and added, "The challenge of the Triple Crown is that there's three races really close together, and it takes a champion." The only other Derby disqualification was in 1968, and long after the race. First-place finisher Dancer's Image tested positive for a prohibited medication, and Kentucky racing officials ordered the purse money to be redistributed. Forward Pass got the winner's share. A subsequent court challenge upheld the stewards' decision.

West has said he realizes the appeals process will take "months, if not years." He remains bothered that he was denied his request to view replays with stewards after the race. □

Kim overcomes rough start to win playoff at Lake Merced



Kim Sei-young, of South Korea, kisses her trophy on 18th green of the Lake Merced Golf Club after winning the LPGA Mediheal Championship golf tournament Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Daly City, Calif.

Associated Press

DALY CITY, Calif. (AP) — Known for an attacking style that has led to two of three lowest 72-hole scores in LPGA Tour history, Sei Young Kim had to adapt to win the LPGA MEDIHEAL Championship at tight and tricky Lake Merced Golf Club.

Already playing through a back injury that forced her to alter her swing, the 26-year-old South Korean overcame a rough start Sunday in cold and windy conditions, then fended off Bronte Law and Jeongeun Lee6 with a birdie on the first extra hole. She won for the eighth time on the LPGA Tour, improving to 4-0 in playoffs.

"I think that this win very hardest to win in my life, ever," Kim said. "Last seven wins, I played really well final round. But today I wasn't good final round. So I think that playing style, little tough to win. It means a lot."

Three strokes ahead entering the day, Kim opened with a double bogey and a bogey and dropped an-

other stroke on No. 8. She birdied the par-5 15th to regain a share of the lead, dropped back with a bogey on the par-3 17th and birdied the par-5 18th for a 3-over 75 and a spot in the playoff at 7-under 281.

"Even tough pin position, I try to go to the aggressive strategy," Kim said. "But that strategy make the first hole and the second hole, third holes like no good result. After that I changed the strategy. If the pin position easy, going to the aggressive. If not, just avoid the pin, stay stable."

Law closed with a 65, finishing about 2 1/2 hours before Kim, and Lee6 had a 67.

Kim nearly retraced her regulation path on the 18th in the playoff, almost driving into her own divot and hitting another 4-iron from 199 yards a foot closer than before onto the front right fringe.

Law left her approach short and right and pitched to 6 feet. Lee6's approach bounced into the middle of the green, leaving her a 40-

foot eagle putt that she hit 6 feet past. After Kim putted to 2 feet, Law missed her birdie putt to the right, and Lee6's try went left. Kim then ended it. She won for fifth straight year and first since shooting 31-under 257 last summer in the Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic in Wisconsin to break the LPGA Tour record of 27-under 261 she shared with Annika Sorenstam.

"Totally different," Kim said. "When I shoot the 31 under and I look at the hole, just every hole in. But today, it wasn't. Most hole like miss the hole."

Law, the 24-year-old former UCLA star from England, missed a chance to tie the LPGA Tour record for the largest comeback at 10 strokes.

"Obviously, the greens are quite bumpy right now, it makes it kind of difficult at the end," Law said. "Thought I hit a good putt there, so it didn't go in. It happens."

She made five birdies in a six-hole stretch in the middle of the round and reached 7 under with a 4-wood to 4 feet for eagle on No. 15. She parred the last three, canceled her scheduled flight and waited to see if she'd win or get into a playoff.

"Ultimately, waiting around that long is tough, to even get back into the mindset of, like, 'OK, I got to go out and play again,'" Law said. "But that's part of the job."

Lee6 played the final four holes in regulation in 4 under, holing a 12-footer for eagle on 15 and making birdies on 16 and 18.

"Not really happy with the three putts," Lee6 said through a translator.

The 22-year-old South Korean has the number in her name because she was the sixth player with the name on the Korean LPGA. She has embraced the number, answering to it and writing a large "6" on her balls. Her South Korean fan club is called "Lucky 6." Jeongeun Lee5 also plays the LPGA Tour. □

Truex wins 2nd career Monday NASCAR race at Dover

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. stood next to the 60-pound metallic gold Monster trophy on the victory lane stage and was uncertain about how many fingers he should flash for his celebratory photo.

"Two for the season or three for Dover?" Truex asked.

How about one of each?

Truex solved his snapshot situation about as efficiently as he weaved through traffic from the back of the field to win a Monday race at Dover International Speedway for the second time in his Cup career. Truex won his first career NASCAR Cup race on June 4, 2007, at Dover and 12 years later used another Sunday rainout to take the checkered flag.

"I'm going to lobby for all Dover races to be on Mondays," Truex said with a laugh.

He knows how to win on Sundays, too. Truex is warming up in his first season with Joe Gibbs Racing and won in the No. 19 Toyota for the second time in three races. Truex, the 2017 Cup champion, won at Richmond three weeks ago and is hitting his stride as the summer stretch approaches.

"We've had some really strong race cars at a lot of racetracks," Truex said. "For a lot of reasons, we haven't been able to show it, been having issues that set us back. It's been tough. The last couple weeks I just feel it's execution. We're doing

all the little things right."

Truex and crew chief Cole Pearn didn't let rain, an inspection failure that dumped the car to the rear or even a maligned race package affect their push toward the finish. Truex, who is from Mayetta, New Jersey has long considered Dover his home track, led 132 laps and dominated runner-up Alex Bowman by a breezy 9.5 seconds to win at Dover for the first time since 2016.

He had no complaints about the new high drag, high downforce, 750 horsepower package that led to track-record speeds posted in qualifying.

Kyle Busch, the 2015 NASCAR champion, peppered his comments on the package with profanity and said his complaints to NASCAR would fall on deaf ears. Kevin Harvick said cars are "hard to race" under the package. Team owner Bob Leavine tweeted he agreed with Busch and wrote "this package sucks." Truex brushed off the complaints.

"We all had to deal with the same thing," Truex said. "Obviously, we dealt with it better than everybody else."

Bowman finished second for the second straight week in the No. 88 Chevrolet. Kyle Larson, Harvick and Chase Elliott rounded out the top five. Elliott gave Hendrick Motorsports and Chevrolet their first wins of the season at Talladega last week. Bowman and El-



Driver Martin Truex Jr. (19) celebrates with his team after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Monday, May 6, 2019, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

liott made it another solid race for a manufacturer that was in dire need of a boost.

"We at least had a shot at it. It's really all you can ask for," Bowman said. "We had a miserable start to the reason. We really did a good job resetting in the off week."

But all the teams are chasing Gibbs.

JGR has seven wins in 11 races this season and has established itself as the team to beat.

"It's a big deal for us," Gibbs said. "As everybody knows, in pro sports these things can go and come very quick. The hardest thing to do is to stay up there."

Truex has been as reliable

with Pearn in his first season with Gibbs as he was for years at the since-shuttered Furniture Row Racing.

Truex, who has 21 career wins, made it to victory lane for the first time in 2007 but didn't win again until 2013. He hasn't sniffed much of a victory drought since 2015, winning 19 races and a series championship over that span.

"This track is a big part of the reason I got to where I'm at," Truex said. "Without tracks like this and Loudon, Watkins Glen, I would never have been noticed."

Here are other items of note from Dover:

TOP 10

Kyle Busch matched Morgan Shepherd's NASCAR

record with 11 straight top-10 finishes in the first 11 races of the season. Busch was 10th for the second straight race. Shepherd reached the mark in 1990 driving for Hall of Fame car owner Bud Moore. Busch started the streak when he finished second behind teammate Denny Hamlin in the Daytona 500. He also has three wins, two thirds, a sixth, an eighth and two other 10th-place finishes to go with his victories during the streak.

ILL HAMLIN

Hamlin felt ill after the race and was attended to by medical staff on pit road after he finished 21st. Hamlin was treated and released from the NASCAR medical care center. □

Defending champion Kvitova through to 3rd round in Madrid

By TALES AZZONI

AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — Defending champion Petra Kvitova defeated Kristina Mladenovic 6-3, 7-6 (5) to reach the third round of the Madrid Open on Monday.

The second-seeded Kvitova outlasted Mladenovic by winning the last three points in the tiebreaker to close out the match in nearly two hours.

"I'm glad I won the tie-break. That is my kind of issue sometimes, but over-

all it was pretty tight," said Kvitova, who is seeking her fourth Madrid Open title. "I fought hard in the end." She was in control until losing her serve midway through the second set, letting the French qualifier back into the match.

"Those two games when I was down 5-4 and 6-5 was very intense on my serve and I'm glad I didn't give her the chance, which was my strength, I think," Kvitova said.

Kvitova had seven aces

at the "Magic Box" center court en route to her eighth straight win in Madrid. She is the most successful women's player in the tournament with 28 wins and six losses. Her other titles in the Spanish capital came in 2011 and 2015.

Mladenovic was the runner-up in Madrid in 2017. Kvitova will next face wild card Sorana Cirstea or former No. 4 Caroline Garcia. In other second round matches, seventh-seeded Kiki Bertens defeated

Jelena Ostapenko 6-4, 6-3 to stay on track to make it to her second straight final in Madrid, while eighth-seeded Sloane Stephens got past Victoria Azarenka 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. Ashleigh Barty needed three sets to beat Danielle Collins.

On the men's side, Marin Cilic beat Martin Klizan 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (0), while Karen Khachanov edged Jaume Munar 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3. Gael Monfils defeated Andreas Seppi 6-3, 6-1, and Richard Gasquet ousted Ale-

jandro Davidovich Fokina to set up a second-round matchup against Roger Federer, who is making his return to clay-court tournaments after two seasons.

Three Americans advanced to the second round: Frances Tiafoe beat Nikoloz Basilashvili in three sets, Taylor Fritz got past Grigor Dimitrov in two tie-breakers, and Reilly Opelka defeated Pablo Carreno Busta 7-6 (5), 6-4. Fritz will face top-seeded Novak Djokovic on Tuesday. □

Bregman's grand slam powers Astros past Angels in Mexico

By The Associated Press

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)

— Alex Bregman hit a grand slam, his third homer during a two-game series in Mexico, and Houston blew out Los Angeles for the second straight day.

The Astros, who won 14-2 on Saturday, hit eight home runs in front of pro-Houston crowds at Estadio de Beisbol de Monterrey. On Sunday, Carlos Correa had a two-run homer in the second inning and Michael Brantley hit a two-run shot in the ninth.

Bregman greeted Cam Bedrosian, who relieved starter Matt Harvey with two outs and the bases loaded in the fifth inning, by blasting a 2-0 fastball to the batter's eye in center field. Harvey (1-3) was charged with five runs on five hits.

Justin Verlander (5-1) allowed homers in each of the first two innings but rebounded with four scoreless frames. He was lifted with one out in the seventh after Jonathan Lucroy took him deep for the second time.

YANKEES 4, TWINS 1, 8 INNINGS, RAIN

NEW YORK (AP) — Domingo German kept delivering on a wet, raw afternoon, tying for the major league lead with his sixth win as New York stopped Minnesota.

Mike Tauchman hit a two-run homer to help New York win for the 11th time in 15 games. The Twins lost two of three after coming into



Teammates celebrate a grand slam by Houston Astros' Alex Bregman, right, in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Monterrey, Mexico, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Associated Press

Yankee Stadium this weekend with the best record in the majors.

It was 51 degrees, windy and damp at gametime, and the start was pushed back three hours in advance to avoid an expected storm. Still, rain fell for most of the day and pelted the park hard in the late innings before the game was halted.

German (6-1) stayed in control, giving up one run and four hits in 6 2/3 innings while striking out seven. Aroldis Chapman fanned Marwin Gonzalez with two on to finish the eighth, and got his seventh save in eight chances.

Michael Pineda (2-3) struck out eight in five inconsistent innings.

RED SOX 9, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Xander Bogaerts hit a grand slam in Boston's seven-run eighth inning against Chicago. Mitch Moreland went 2 for 3 with two RBIs, and J.D. Martinez and Eduardo Nunez each had an RBI single as Boston won for the sixth time in seven games to move within a game of .500 at 17-18. Jose Abreu and Ryan Cordell each had a solo homer for Chicago, which has dropped three straight. Kelvin Herrera (0-2) began the disastrous eighth inning

for the White Sox. Brandon Workman (2-1) worked a scoreless seventh to get the win.

TIGERS 5, ROYALS 2, 10 INNINGS

DETROIT (AP) — Brandon Dixon hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning to lift Detroit over Kansas City. Nicholas Castellanos started the 10th with an infield single off Ian Kennedy (0-1), and after Miguel Cabrera popped out, Niko Goodrum reached on another infield hit. Ronny Rodriguez struck out, and then Dixon hit a 1-2 curveball over the fence in right-center field for his first career walk-off homer.

Buck Farmer (2-2) got the win after retiring the last batter in the top of the 10th.

MARINERS 10, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rookie Erik Swanson didn't give up a hit until the sixth inning and got his first win, and Jay Bruce blasted a grand slam as Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak.

Making his fourth career start, Swanson (1-3) lost his no-hit bid with two outs in the sixth when Cleveland's José Ramírez doubled.

Swanson was pulled after six innings and 106 pitches. Brendon Brennan, Mike Wright and Zac Rosscup completed the combined two-hitter.

Bruce homered in the first off Cody Anderson (0-1). Mitch Haniger hit a solo shot in the second and Edwin Encarnación belted a two-run homer in fifth.

RANGERS 10, BLUE JAYS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rougned Odor and Asdrúbal Cabrera each homered and combined for seven RBIs, and Texas rolled past Toronto.

Drew Smyly came off the injured list to hold Toronto to one run and two hits in four innings in his first game since April 19. He had been sidelined with mid-arm nerve tightness.

Kyle Dowdy (2-1) entered the game to start the fifth with a 7-1 lead and pitched two scoreless innings.

Clay Buchholz (0-2) allowed seven runs in four innings, falling to 0-5 in his career at Texas. □



Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora (20) talks with the media before a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox in Chicago, Friday, May 3, 2019.

Associated Press

Red Sox manager Alex Cora won't visit White House

CHICAGO (AP) — Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora will not attend the ceremony at the White House on Thursday honoring the 2018 World Series champions.

Cora cited the Trump administration's response to Hurricane Maria in his native Puerto Rico as the reason for his decision.

"The government has done some things back home

that are great, but we still have a long ways to go," he said on Sunday following a 9-2 win over the Chicago White Sox. "That's our reality. It's pretty tough to go celebrate when we're where we're at. I'd rather not go and be consistent with everything."

Cora recently said he might attend the ceremony and say something, but had a change of heart

after speaking with family and friends. "We talked about it and decided (not going) was the best way to do it," he said. Cora said he informed the Red Sox of his decision a few days ago. Boston plays at Baltimore Monday through Wednesday and has a day off on Thursday. Shortstop Xander Bogaerts also said on Sunday he won't visit the White House. □

Hunter Renfroe hits game-ending grand slam, Padres beat Dodgers 8-5

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Pinch-hitter Hunter Renfroe hit a grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning off Kenley Jansen to give the San Diego Padres a thrilling 8-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday. Renfroe drove an 0-1 pitch into a balcony on the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left-field corner. He dropped his bat and raised his arms before beginning his trot.

The Padres, who avoided a three-game sweep, started the winning rally with three straight singles off Jansen (2-1), who was trying for his third save in three games. Eric Hosmer hit a leadoff single to left and Manuel Margot and Wil Myers followed with bunt singles to load the bases. Jansen struck out Greg Garcia and got rookie Francisco Mejia to pop up before Renfroe's slam.

Adam Warren (2-0) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

CUBS 13, CARDINALS 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Kris Bryant hit his fourth career grand slam in Chicago's six-run eighth inning and the Cubs pounded St. Louis for their season-high seventh consecutive victory.

Willson Contreras, Anthony Rizzo and David Bote each drove in two runs, helping the Cubs leapfrog the Cardinals for first place in the NL Central. Ben Zobrist had two hits and made two nice plays in left field as Chicago completed a three-game sweep.

Since opening the season with eight losses in 11 games, the Cubs have won 16 of 20.

Paul DeJong and Marcell Ozuna homered in the ninth for St. Louis, which lost its season-high fourth straight. Adam Wainwright (3-3) was pulled after his first three batters reached safely in the sixth.

José Quintana (4-1) permitted two runs in six innings.

PIRATES 5, ATHLETICS 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Starling Marte hit a game-ending

three-run homer in the 13th inning, rallying Pittsburgh past Oakland after the Athletics scored twice in the top of the inning.

Cole Tucker started Pittsburgh's comeback with a one-out single off Fernando Rodney (0-2). Jung Ho Kang walked and Adam Frazier drove in Tucker with a single before Marte drilled a ball out to center. Tyler Lyons (1-0) got the win despite struggling in his Pirates debut. After pitching a 1-2-3 12th, he walked the first two batters in the 13th and allowed an RBI single to Kendrys Morales and a run-scoring double to Stephen Piscotty before getting pitcher Yusmeiro Petit to hit into an inning-ending double play.

A's slugger Khris Davis, last year's major league home run leader, left in the second inning with a left hip bruise after crashing into the left field wall chasing a popup.

The Pirates are above .500 at 16-15 for the first time since April 25.

BREWERS 3, METS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Christian Yelich homered in his return to the lineup and Zach Davies pitched into the eighth inning as Milwaukee completed a three-game sweep of New York.

Yelich, the NL MVP, was back in the starting lineup after missing five consecutive games with low back soreness. He hit a two-run, 440-foot homer off Jason Vargas (1-2) that caromed off the third deck in right and gave Milwaukee a 3-0 lead in the third inning.

With its bullpen depleted, the Brewers got a much-needed performance from Davies (4-0), who gave up six hits and two runs in 7 2/3 innings while throwing a season-high 118 pitches.

Josh Hader struck out the side in the ninth for his ninth save.

PHILLIES 7, NATIONALS 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Zach Eflin pitched seven strong innings and Rhys Hoskins



San Diego Padres' Hunter Renfroe reacts after hitting a walkoff grand slam during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Sunday, May 5, 2019, in San Diego.

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drove in a pair of runs to lead Philadelphia past Washington.

Cesar Hernandez added two doubles for the NL East-leading Phillies, who have won six of nine.

Kurt Suzuki homered for the third straight day for Washington, which has lost eight of 11.

Eflin (4-3) gave up one run on four hits with five strikeouts and two walks. Anibal Sanchez (0-5) allowed two unearned runs in 4 2/3 innings.

ROCKIES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 7

DENVER (AP) — Raimel Tapia hit a tying, bases-loaded triple and scored the go-ahead run during a five-run eighth inning, and Colorado beat Arizona.

The rally salvaged the finale of the three-game series and ended Arizona's six-game road winning streak. Eduardo Escobar and Blake Swihart homered for the Diamondbacks.

The Rockies trailed 7-3 when they loaded the bas-

es with no outs against reliever Archie Bradley (1-3).

Scott Oberg (1-0) allowed two runs in the eighth but got the win, and Wade Davis got the final three outs for his fifth save. It was just the sixth win in 15 home games for the Rockies.

GIANTS 6, REDS 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Brandon Crawford delivered a tiebreaking, pinch-hit homer in the ninth inning to help San Francisco erase a four-run first-inning deficit and beat Cincinnati.

Crawford's two-run shot lifted the Giants after Cincinnati homered on three straight pitches by starter Jeff Samardzija in the first. Buster Posey hit a tying, three-run homer in the sixth and opened the ninth with a one-out double against Raisel Iglesias (1-5).

Crawford followed with his second career pinch-hit homer deep into the right field seats, lifting the Giants to their third win in four games.

Tony Watson (1-0) pitched

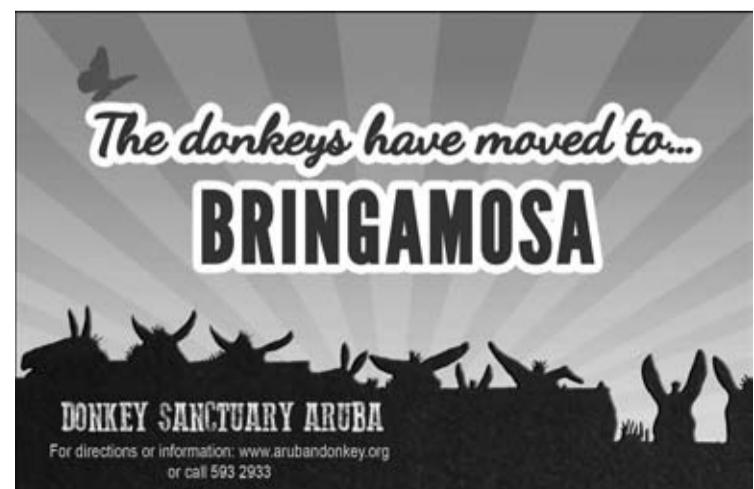
a perfect eighth to support the comeback. Will Smith worked around Kyle Farmer's first career pinch-hit homer with two outs to earn his ninth save in nine tries.

BRAVES 3, MARLINS 1, 10 INNINGS

MIAMI (AP) — Ender Inciarte faked a bunt and instead slapped an opposite-field RBI double down the line to break a 10th-inning tie, and Atlanta completed a three-game sweep at Miami.

Nick Markakis' home run gave Atlanta a lead in the seventh, but the Marlins tied it with three consecutive singles in the eighth off Josh Tomlin (1-0).

Tayron Guerrero (1-1) walked pinch-hitter Josh Donaldson to start the 10th. Inciarte then squared to bunt but instead shot a grounder into the left-field corner, and pinch-running pitcher Max Fried slid home when the relay throw bounced away from catcher Chad Wallach. □



Nuggets even series with Blazers at 2 with 116-112 victory



Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic, left, shoots over Portland Trail Blazers forward Al-Farouq Aminu during the first half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Portland, Ore.

Associated Press

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

PORTRLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Denver Nuggets have been good at bouncing back all season. Not even a draining four-overtime defeat could keep this team down.

Nikola Jokic had 21 points,

12 rebounds and 11 assists for his second straight triple-double and fourth of the playoffs, and the Nuggets evened their Western Conference semifinal series against the Portland Trail Blazers at 2-2 with a 116-112 victory Sunday. It was less than 48 hours af-

ter Portland's epic 140-137 quadruple-overtime victory to take a 2-1 lead in the series. It was only the second game in playoff history that went to four OTs. The other was in 1953.

"I think it's not quitting. We have a lot of competitive guys who don't want to lose. I think we don't want to lose more than we like to win — which is weird," Jokic said. "We just didn't want to have the excuse that we lost because of four overtimes, because we were tired."

Jamal Murray led all scorers with 34 points and made all 11 free throws for the Nuggets, who handed Portland its first postseason loss at home this season. The series now heads back to Denver for Game 5.

CJ McCollum had 29 points and Damian Lillard added 28 for the Blazers, who missed out on taking a 3-1 lead in a conference semifinals for the first time since 2000.

"Our guys are tough. We're resilient," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "I mean, to come in here and win this game 36 hours after losing in four overtimes,

speaks to just how tough we are."

Malone cited regular-season statistics to back up his claims: Denver was 12-1 in the second game of back-to-backs, best in the NBA. The Nuggets were good in close games, too: 13-3 in games decided by three points or less, he said.

"We just said to ourselves, 'If we win today then the last game doesn't really matter that much,'" Jokic said. "Yes we played a four-overtime game, it was exhausting, but we won tonight so the last game doesn't really matter."

Denver outscored the Blazers 27-14 in the third quarter to take an 84-77 lead into the fourth. Malik Beasley kicked off the final period with a 3-pointer for the Nuggets.

Rodney Hood's 3-pointer got the Blazers within 110-107 with 52 seconds left and Lillard's layup got the Blazers even closer at 112-110 with 7.7 seconds to go. But Murray's free throws gave Denver a four-point lead. McCollum hit a long jumper that after a video replay was ruled a 2 and Denver prevailed.

"It is disappointing. You go up 3-1 and you have a lot of momentum and obviously that would be a great position to be in. But they're a good team, they came out and played well," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "We had a bad third quarter and that kind of made the difference. We made a good comeback, but now it's a three-game series."

Jokic played 65 minutes in the quadruple-overtime loss, the fourth-most minutes in NBA playoff history and just two short of the record. McCollum led the Blazers with 60 minutes.

Fatigue was more of a concern for the second-seeded Nuggets, who had just one day off after their seven-game, first-round series against San Antonio. The Blazers dispatched of first-round opponent Oklahoma City in five games, clinching their first trip to the conference semifinals since 2016 on Lillard's buzzer-beating 3-pointer. Enes Kanter started for Portland despite ongoing concerns about his left shoulder, which he injured in Game 5 against the Thunder. □

Trump wants to restore waiver for service academy athletes



President Donald Trump is presented a jersey during the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point football team, in the Rose Garden of the White House, Monday, May 6, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Monday he is looking into offering a waiver that would allow athletes attending the nation's military

academies to play professional sports immediately upon graduation. Trump made the announcement Monday while presenting the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the U.S. Military Acad-

emy football team during a Rose Garden ceremony. The Army Black Knights completed an 11-2 season, including wins over the Air Force and Navy. Army earned the trophy for the second consecutive year. Trump said that, under the plan he envisions, athletes would "serve their time after they're finished with professional sports." He said that should make recruiting a little easier for the military academies.

Trump's own Defense Department rescinded a policy in 2017 that allowed the best athletes from the military's service academies to go straight to the pros upon graduation instead of having to first serve in active duty. Then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, in an April 2017 memo, said that the service academies "exist to devel-

op future officers," and that graduates would serve as "full-fledged military officers carrying out the normal work and career expectations" of someone who received an education at the taxpayers' expense. The Pentagon on Monday was not aware of any impending changes to the Mattis policy.

Under the current framework, athletes have to serve two years of active duty before applying for reserve status to pursue a career in professional sports.

Trump paid tribute to the Army football team, which has the nation's second-longest active winning streak at nine games, behind Clemson University. Trump described the players as "star athletes and stars in every way."

Several Navy football players have gone on to have

success in the NFL, most notably 1963 Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach, a quarterback for the Midshipmen from 1962-64. After serving a tour of duty in Vietnam, he joined the Dallas Cowboys in 1969 and guided the team to a pair of Super Bowl victories.

Another Heisman Trophy winner, Glenn Davis of Army in 1946, was a first-round draft pick of the Detroit Lions but had to serve three years in the Army before making his NFL debut with Detroit in 1950.

In addition, receiver Phil McConkey played for Navy from 1975-78, then served for five years before the New York Giants made him a 27-year-old rookie in 1984. He caught a touchdown pass in the Super Bowl for New York and remained in the NFL through 1989. □



Marathon world record holder Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge and Britain's richest person Jim Ratcliffe walk for photographers at the Iffley Road Track, in Oxford, England, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, where British athlete Roger Bannister, in 1954 ran to become the first person ever to break the four minute mile barrier.

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KIPCHOGE

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The 34-year-old Olympic champion has gained the trust of Jim Ratcliffe, who founded chemicals group INEOS and is estimated by London-based Sunday Times Rich List to be worth 21 billion pounds (\$28 billion).

Ratcliffe spent the London Marathon earlier this month in the pace car watching Kipchoge win the event for a record fourth time.

London is where Ratcliffe hopes the Kenyan runner will in September or October be lowering his world record marathon time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 39 seconds — set in Berlin in September — to under two hours.

Kipchoge made an attempt at the Monza motor racing circuit in Italy in May 2017, falling 26 seconds short across 26.2 miles (42.2 kilometers) around an oval track in a time not sanctioned by the IAAF, because of variables such as pacers entering mid-race and drinks being given to runners via mopeds.

This time a parklands circuit could be favored over a road circuit because Ratcliffe anticipates needing dates in London on three consecutive weekends being set aside to ensure the conditions are optimal for Kipchoge.

"If we have it in London it would need to be an iconic location that fulfills the performance criteria that's flat and has a good surface," Ratcliffe said after posing with Kipchoge in front of a clock that read "1:59.00."

According to Ratcliffe's vision, the ideal situation for the attempt would involve a circuit of 2 to 3 kilometers, and a crowd.

"It's one of those great challenges in the sporting world to try and break two hours," for the marathon, Ratcliffe told the AP. "If he does succeed it'll be very inspirational for people. He's the finest marathon runner the world has ever produced and I think he's still getting better." This is the latest foray into sports for Ratcliffe, who has taken over the Team Sky cycling outfit and renamed it after INEOS.

"We worked for 25-30 years in business and it's quite successful," Ratcliffe said. "We can afford to do this and why shouldn't we really? We're putting a modest amount in our terms into sport. I think they are good endeavors. We enjoy it and we can."

There is also a risk. Ratcliffe said he has conducted due diligence into the athletes he is now funding in cycling and athletics — two sports that have grappled with doping issues.

"We probe quite deeply into that," Ratcliffe said. "I have no interest in cheating."

Neither does Kipchoge.

"This is the time to prove to the whole world that you can run in a positive way," Kipchoge said, "and in a clean way and actually make history." □



A shot by St. Louis Blues' Jaden Schwartz scores as Dallas Stars goaltender Ben Bishop lies on the ice after being injured during the third period in Game 6 of an NHL second-round hockey playoff series, Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Dallas.

Associated Press

Blues force Game 7 with 4-1 win over Stars, stunned Bishop

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

DALLAS (AP) — Colton Parayko was shooting to score for the St. Louis Blues, and delivered a stunning blow to the Dallas Stars even without getting the puck in the net.

Parayko's hard shot from the slot hit Ben Bishop's left shoulder, knocking the goalie onto his back and deflecting the puck to deep in the circle. Alexander Steen took a shot from there that was redirected by Jaden Schwartz over the still laid-out goalie in a 4-1 victory to force Game 7 in the second-round Western Conference semifinal series.

"That's a hard shot. A really hard shot. Shoot the puck, right? It's a great play by (Steen) to put it right back on the net," Blues captain Alex Pietrangelo said.

"Great job Schwartz. He's been around that all series long and keeps getting rewarded."

Schwartz's eighth goal of the playoffs with 12:23 left made it 3-1, and was the first of two goals by the Blues in a 33-second span. Bishop was tended to by a trainer and initially stayed in the game, but a switch was made soon after when Sammy Blais, playing his first postseason game, got a

slap shot past him.

"When you're right there in the slot, and you're going to try to shoot to score," Parayko said. "Obviously I just try to get it around that first guy and find a corner. ... I'm never out there to hurt anybody."

Stars coach Jim Montgomery said Bishop was fine, pointing out that he had stayed in the game before Anton Khodobin got his first action of the postseason. While St. Louis maintained possession of the puck while Bishop was down, Stars defenseman John Klingberg thought there should have been a whistle to stop play.

"We can't change anything right now," Klingberg said. "We didn't play good enough to win. It's not like we're focusing on that right now."

Blues coach Craig Berube said officials "don't blow the whistle when you have possession. ... His mask was still on, so that's the reason."

Pietrangelo scored only 63 seconds into the game and David Perron also had a goal for the Blues, who will be on home ice for the deciding game Tuesday night. The Central Division rivals also went to a Game 7 when they met in the second round three years

ago. That series finale was played in Dallas, where the Blues scored three times in the first period and went on to a 6-1 win.

St. Louis rookie goalie Jordan Binnington stopped 22 shots, allowing only a power-play goal by Tyler Seguin in the first period.

Bishop, who came into the game with a .936 save percentage in the playoffs, allowed four goals on 20 shots. Khodobin had five saves in the final 12 minutes.

The two quick goals by St. Louis came right after Dallas couldn't score with Binnington sprawled on the ice. Perron put the Blues ahead to stay at 2-1 with an interesting goal in what was otherwise a somewhat pedestrian second period.

Oskar Sundqvist skated deep into the right circle and passed back across the front of net. Perron, with Klingberg between him and Bishop, reached his stick around the defender to poke the puck in for his third goal of the playoffs.

"I'm ready to turn the page and move on to the next game. It was an exciting challenge for us," Perron said. "None of the guys came in here with their head between their legs." □

Microsoft offers software tools to secure elections

By FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

Microsoft announced an ambitious effort it says will make voting secure, verifiable and subject to reliable audits. Two of the three top U.S. election vendors have expressed interest in potentially incorporating the open-source software into their proprietary voting systems.

The software kit is being developed with Galois, an Oregon-based company separately creating a secure voting system prototype under contract with the Pentagon's advanced research agency, DARPA. Dubbed "ElectionGuard," the Microsoft kit will be available this summer, the company says, with early prototypes ready to pilot for next year's general elections. CEO Satya Nadella announced the initiative Monday at a developer's conference in Seattle.

Nadella said the project's software, provided free of charge as part of Microsoft's Defending Democracy Program, would help "modernize all of the election infrastructure everywhere in the world." Microsoft also announced a cut-rate Office 365 application suite for political parties and campaigns for what it charges nonprofits. Both Microsoft and Google provide anti-phishing email support for campaigns.

Three little-known U.S.



With a screen displaying some of the new Microsoft Azure services and updates in the background, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella delivers the keynote address at Build, the company's annual conference for software developers Monday, May 6, 2019, in Seattle.

Associated Press

companies control about 90 percent of the market for election equipment, but have long faced criticism for poor security, antiquated technology and insufficient transparency around their proprietary, black-box voting systems. Open-source software is inherently more secure because the underlying code is easily scrutinized by outside security experts.

Two of the leading vendors, Election Systems & Software of Omaha, Nebraska, and Hart InterCivic of Austin, Texas, both expressed interest in partnering with Microsoft for ElectionGuard. A spokeswoman for a third

vendor, Dominion Voting Systems of Denver, said the company looks forward to "learning more" about the initiative.

Anyone with an existing voting system or developing a new one will be able to incorporate the ElectionGuard development kit — at the state or local level in the U.S. or national level for jurisdictions abroad.

"It can be used with a ballot-marking device. It can be used with an optical scanner, on hand-marked paper ballots," said Josh Benaloh, a senior cryptographer at Microsoft Research and key contributor to the ElectionGuard proj-

ect.

Benaloh helped produce a National Academies of Science report last year that called for an urgent overhaul of the rickety U.S. election system, which faced serious threats from Russian hackers who in 2016 attempted to infiltrate voting administration systems in several states.

That report called for all U.S. elections to be held on human-readable paper ballots by 2020. It also advocated a specific form of routine postelection audits intended to ensure that votes are accurately counted. While U.S. officials say there is no evidence

of hackers tampering with election results, experts say systems used by millions of U.S. voters remain susceptible to tampering.

One election official who has been in informal conversations with the ElectionGuard project leaders is Dean Logan, who runs elections for Los Angeles County, the nation's most populous, and is building an open-source voting system for it. Election integrity activist Susan Greenhalgh of the National Election Defense Coalition said she hoped the project would encourage innovative thinking at the level that elections are actually managed.

ElectionGuard aims to provide "end-to-end" verification of voting in two ways, Benaloh said. First, it lets voters confirm that their votes are accurately recorded. Second, the unique coded tracker it produces registers an encrypted version of the vote that keeps the ballot choice itself secret while ensuring votes are accurately counted. Outsiders such as election watchdog groups, political parties, journalists and voters themselves can verify online that votes were properly counted without being altered. The system would also allow for reliable postelection audits and recounts. Microsoft executives say they also plan to build a prototype voting system for reference. □

Students using drone to map dinosaur tracks in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— New Mexico college students are using drones to help map the location of dinosaur tracks at a state park, the latest project to use drone technology to gather data from historical sites in the American West. New Mexico State Parks recently announced it is teaming up with Central New Mexico Community College students and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science to map out the footprints at Clayton Lake State Park, the Albuquerque Journal

reports.

The park located in the northeastern part of the state contained track sites that give scientists key information about the ancient reptiles.

Central New Mexico Community College instructor Rick Watson says students will fly the drones from different heights in order to record a variety of details. Once the project is complete, students will place the photographs, 3-D models, maps and other findings on a website.

"The public will be able to

access to the website," he said. "It's designed to help people explore the track site from anywhere in the world."

Spencer Lucas, a curator of paleontology at the museum, said the hundreds of tracks found at Clayton Lake, which is about 4½ hours from Albuquerque, are from four different species of dinosaurs and were all made within a year.

"The Clayton Lake site is a treasure," he said. "The track sites are about 100 million years old and along an ancient sea coast."

Clayton Lake was created when officials dammed up Seneca Creek north of Clayton in the 1960s. Construction of the dam's spillway unveiled the tracks, which were embedded in sandstone.

Rick Leonhardt, a semi-retired psychotherapist, is one of the students working on the projects. His first career, he said, was as a geologist and now practices it as a hobby.

"This will help us digitally preserve these tracks," he said. "We are putting procedures in place to collect

the data so others can duplicate the process in the future." The dinosaur track drone project comes as researchers from the University of Denver are using images gathered from a drone to create a 3D reconstruction of a World War II-era Japanese internment camp in southern Colorado. Researchers last month dispatched the drone from the Switzerland-based company senseFly as part of a mapping project to help future restoration work at Camp Amache in Granada, Colorado. □

Surprise threat from Trump to raise tariffs sinks stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks fell in morning trading Monday, following a sell-off in Europe and Asia, after President Donald Trump threatened to escalate a trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Investors have been expecting the U.S. and China to resolve their damaging trade dispute, with the two sides set to meet this week in Washington. Hopes for an accord have contributed to the big run-up in stock prices in the U.S. and China so far this year.

The latest threat shifted stocks into reverse Monday after the S&P 500 and Nasdaq indexes set records last week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 195 points, or 0.7%, as of 11:22 a.m. It was down as much as 471 in the first few minutes of trading. The S&P 500 index dropped 0.8% and the Nasdaq slid 0.9%.

Trump on Sunday threatened to raise tariffs on imports from China to 25% from 10% after complaining that trade talks were moving too slowly. He also



In this May 1, 2019, file photo, trader Robert Charmak, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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threatened to impose tariffs on another \$325 billion in imports from China, covering everything the country ships annually to the United States.

Tariffs currently in place have already raised costs on goods for companies and consumers.

U.S. companies with heavy business interests in China

are getting hit the hardest, particularly technology and industrial companies. Banks also fell sharply. Every sector, from industrial companies to retailers, was under pressure. Chipmakers and technology companies suffered the most. Qualcomm gets 64.7% of its revenue from China, according to data provider

FactSet, and its stock fell 2.2%. Broadcom fell 2% and Apple fell 2.1%.

Micron Technology Inc., Advance Micro Devices Inc. and Applied Materials Inc. all fell more than 3%. Industrial behemoth Caterpillar fell 2.4%, while Deere & Co. fell 3.9%.

Wynn Resorts, with a host of casinos and hotels in Ma-

cau, gets about 75% of its revenue from China, according to its stock tumbled 4.8%.

Investors fled to safer holdings. Bond prices rose sharply, sending yields lower, and safe-play stocks like utilities, real estate companies and makers of consumer products held up much better than the rest of the market. Chinese indexes plunged. The Shanghai Composite index closed 5.6% lower and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index sank 2.9%. European indexes fell broadly. Oil prices, which have been steadily rising all year, fell slightly. Benchmark U.S. crude lost 0.2% per barrel.

Shares of Chinese companies that trade in the U.S. also fell. J.D.com slid 5.7% while internet search company Baidu dropped 2.1%. Investors have been digesting mixed reports about the negotiations for months and have largely discounted concerns about a failure in negotiations. The broader market has been posting gains all year on encouraging economic growth and solid corporate earnings results. □

Financial planning when a family member has special needs

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
Associated Press

Financial planning is daunting enough, but it becomes more complicated and critical when you have

a child or family member with special needs. If you don't leave any money or support in place, their fate may be left up to the court and wellbeing could suffer.

If you leave too much, they could lose access to critical government services or be forced to pay back the state for some of their care.

GET STARTED

It's never too early to get started, and it's also never too late, said John Nadworny, Cynthia Haddad and Alexandria Nadworny, the special needs financial planning team at Shepherd Financial Partners.

The worst mistake you can make is having no plan. This sometimes happens because it's so overwhelming it prevents a family from planning at all. But it doesn't have to be a massive undertaking in every case, said Nadworny: a young family may just need life insurance and an estate plan. What you need can evolve over time.

Don't overlook estate planning if you have limited



In this Nov. 30, 2018, file photo people are silhouetted against holiday lights reflecting off a pond in a park in Lenexa, Kan.

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means either, it's critical to put basic safeguards in place if someone relies on you for care.

"If there's no plan, it's chaos," said Haddad.

START SMALL

If you do only one thing, write a letter of intent.

The letter outlines a family's hope for an individual

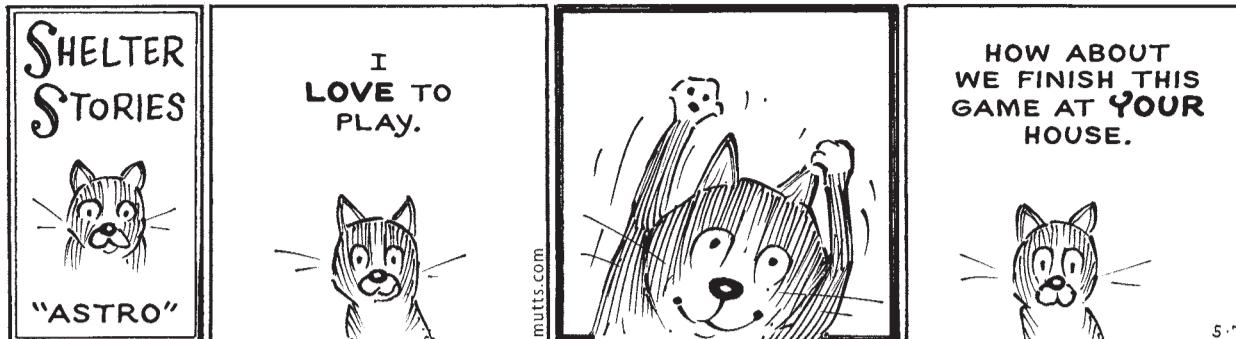
and their estate. It communicates your vision for the child or family member's life, who will be involved and how. It can also include critical information about medical, financial or other essentials, such as the individual's daily routine, likes and dislikes. Update it annually. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1 Helper for Santa
4 Despise
9 Shady deal
13 Tolerate
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16 Bustle
17 Cake recipe verb
18 Word in many bowling alley names
19 Wander
20 Derelict in duty
22 Large trees
23 Steals from
24 Scale divisions: abbr.
26 Valuables
29 Agreeable
34 BBQ rods
35 Donald Duck's love
36 double take; look twice
37 On one's ___; alert
38 Locations
39 Money owed
40 Caress
41 Conjecture
42 Colorful fall tree
43 Endless time
45 Trade goods or services
46 Shack
47 Bride's accessory
48 Stratagem
51 Going up
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57 Facial hair
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60 Linear measure
61 At ___; free to roam
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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U.N. report: Humans accelerating extinction of species

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

People are putting nature in more trouble now than at any other time in human history, with extinction looming over 1 million species of plants and animals, scientists said Monday.

But it's not too late to fix the problem, according to the United Nations' first comprehensive report on biodiversity.

"We have reconfigured dramatically life on the planet," report co-chairman Eduardo Brondizio of Indiana University said at a press conference.

Species loss is accelerating to a rate tens or hundreds of times faster than in the past, the report said. More than half a million species on land "have insufficient habitat for long-term survival" and are likely to go extinct, many within decades, unless their habitats are restored. The oceans are not any better off.

"Humanity unwittingly is attempting to throttle the living planet and humanity's own future," said George Mason University biologist Thomas Lovejoy, who has been called the godfather of biodiversity for his research. He was not part of the report.

"The biological diversity of this planet has been really hammered, and this is really our last chance to address all of that," Lovejoy said. Conservation scientists convened in Paris to issue the report, which exceeded 1,000 pages. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) included more than 450 researchers who used 15,000 scientific and government reports. The report's summary had to be approved by repre-



In this Dec. 14, 2011, file photo, a lemur looks through the forest at Andasibe-Mantadia National Park in Andasibe, Madagascar.

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sentatives of all 109 nations. Some nations hit harder by the losses, like small island countries, wanted more in the report. Others, such as the United States, were cautious in the language they sought, but they agreed "we're in trouble," said Rebecca Shaw, chief scientist for the World Wildlife Fund, who observed the final negotiations.

"This is the strongest call we've seen for reversing the trends on the loss of nature," Shaw said.

The findings are not just about saving plants and animals, but about preserving a world that's becoming harder for humans to live in, said Robert Watson, a former top NASA and British scientist who headed the report.

"We are indeed threatening the potential food security, water security, human health and social fabric" of humanity, Watson told The Associated Press.

It's also an economic and security issue as countries

fight over scarcer resources. Watson said the poor in less developed countries bear the greatest burden. The report's 39-page summary highlighted five ways people are reducing biodiversity:

- Turning forests, grasslands and other areas into farms, cities and other developments. The habitat loss leaves plants and animals homeless. About three-quarters of Earth's land, two-thirds of its oceans and 85% of crucial wetlands have been severely altered or lost, making it harder for species to survive, the report said.

- Overfishing the world's oceans. A third of the world's fish stocks are overfished.

- Permitting climate change from the burning of fossil fuels to make it too hot, wet or dry for some species to survive. Almost half of the world's land mammals — not including bats — and nearly a quarter of the birds have already had their habitats hit hard by global warming.

- Polluting land and water. Every year, 300 to 400 million tons of heavy metals, solvents and toxic sludge are dumped into the world's waters.

- Allowing invasive species to crowd out native plants and animals. The number of invasive alien species

per country has risen 70% since 1970, with one species of bacteria threatening nearly 400 amphibian species.

"The key to remember is, it's not a terminal diagnosis," said report co-author Andrew Purvis of the Natural History Museum in London. Fighting climate change and saving species are equally important, the report said, and working on both environmental problems should go hand in hand. Both problems exacerbate each other because a warmer world means fewer species, and a less biodiverse world means fewer trees and plants to remove heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the air, Lovejoy said.

The world's coral reefs are a perfect example of where climate change and species loss intersect. If the world warms another 0.9 degrees (0.5 degrees Celsius), which other reports say is likely, coral reefs will probably dwindle by 70% to 90%, the report said. At 1.8 degrees (1 degree Celsius), the report said, 99% of the world's coral will be in trouble.

"Business as usual is a disaster," Watson said.

At least 680 species with backbones have already gone extinct since 1600. The report said 559 domesticated breeds of mammals

used for food have disappeared. More than 40% of the world's amphibian species, more than one-third of the marine mammals and nearly one-third of sharks and fish are threatened with extinction.

The report relies heavily on research by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, or IUCN, which is composed of biologists who maintain a list of threatened species.

The IUCN calculated in March that 27,159 species are threatened, endangered or extinct in the wild out of nearly 100,000 species biologists examined in depth. That includes 1,223 mammal species, 1,492 bird species and 2,341 fish species. Nearly half the threatened species are plants.

Scientists have only examined a small fraction of the estimated 8 million species on Earth.

The report comes up with 1 million species in trouble by extrapolating the IUCN's 25% threatened rate to the rest of the world's species and using a lower rate for the estimated 5.5 million species of insects, Watson said. Outside scientists, such as Lovejoy and others, said that's a reasonable assessment.

The report gives only a generic "within decades" time frame for species loss because it is dependent on many variables, including taking the problem seriously, which can reduce the severity of the projections, Watson said.

"We're in the middle of the sixth great extinction crisis, but it's happening in slow motion," said Conservation International and University of California Santa Barbara ecologist Lee Hannah, who was not part of the report. Five times in the past, Earth has undergone mass extinctions where much of life on Earth blinked out, like the one that killed the dinosaurs. Watson said the report was careful not to call what's going on now as a sixth big die-off because current levels don't come close to the 75% level in past mass extinctions. □

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Savile Row's Ozwald Boateng debuts womenswear in Harlem

By LEANNE ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — Ozwald Boateng, the one-time wunderkind of London's Savile Row and the bespoke tailor to the stars, filled the historic Apollo Theater to its rafters in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance as he launched his first womenswear collection after 30-plus years in the men's suiting game.

Fresh off dressing Idris Elba for his Marrakesh wedding, with Elba and wife, Sabrina Dhowre, in the front row, Boateng treated his guests Sunday night to an explosion of color and African-inspired prints and textures, some done in modern twists on traditional British tailoring.

Boateng has shown ready to wear in New York before, during fashion week, along with all over the world, but this was an Afrocentric celebration in song, music and film as his walkers shared the stage with their own images on screen.

He told The Associated Press he picked the "epicenter for African American culture" because he's committed to building a bridge between Africa and the African diaspora. He not only hosted the usual fashion media crowd but opened his doors to Harlem



Models wear a creation for The Ozwald Boateng collection during a fashion show at Apollo Theater in New York, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Associated Press

community members and fashion students.

"I just want to be really inclusive when I create," said Boateng, a Londoner of Ghanaian descent. "We're in an interesting place now in the world and I feel that I want to express more of my African roots in my work. It's important to be true to who you are, to be authentic." The show, dubbed "AI," is not what you think. He meant "authentic identity," "artistic intelligence" and "ancestral identity," all

phrases that flashed on his big screen.

Boateng's stage lit up after a short film in looks for men and women in orange, red, teal and a gorgeous light hue of purplish blue, done in one standout women's suit with wide-pleated trousers in a delicate pin stripe design, paired with a men's-style jacket that had the narrowest of lapels.

He let some vibrant skirts and dresses for women flow freely, noting in his program for guests that at the

beginning of the Harlem Renaissance spanning the 1920s, dresses were tailored to allow maximum movement when dancing.

Some of his looks for women included belted suit jackets. Others had wider belts. And he proved he can sex up a backless dress for the ladies as he cuts suits to narrow the waist of wearers who need that and bring out the greatest assets for the men.

Boateng, 52, is known for contemporary takes on

traditional Savile Row style. He's also a former creative director of menswear for Givenchy and was the first black designer on London's famous tailoring street, in 1995.

He also popped up in Wakanda. Boateng's custom single-button Mohair suit in teal was featured in a scene on a man with a large ornate lip plate in "Black Panther." He has produced costumes for a range of other film and TV fare as well and was hired by British Airways to design new uniforms.

Boateng took Hollywood years ago, with help from some of his famous clients: Will Smith, Jamie Foxx, Laurence Fishburne and Daniel Day Lewis to name a few. Foxx was among celebs on hand for Sunday night's show with Elba — People's Sexiest Man Alive — along with Harlem's own designer Daniel Day, known as Dapper Dan, and Marco Bizzarri, president and CEO of Gucci.

"Ozwald is the one responsible for bill boarding our mission," Day said.

Boateng and Elba have been friends for a decade. He considered it an honor to make Elba's black wedding suit for the star's April 26 walk down the aisle in Morocco. □

Anna Quindlen tours the wild world of grandparenting

By ROB MERRILL

Associated Press

"Nanaville: Adventures in Grandparenting," by Anna Quindlen (Random House) "Write what you know." Few follow that advice better than Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Anna Quindlen, who recently discovered the joys, and challenges, of grandparenthood.

There are two tenets of "Nanaville," writes Quindlen, which she characterizes as "a state of mind, a place I wound up inhabiting without ever knowing it was what I wanted": "Love the grandchildren, and hold your tongue."

The jumping off point is the birth of her first grandchild, Arthur, to her oldest son,

Quin, and his wife, Lynn. "A bundle in a blanket with a full head of glossy black hair," is Quindlen's first description of him. She quickly hits on the book's central theme — grandparenting as an "avocation," not something to which she is entitled simply as the mother of the new father: "The thing is, from the moment it begins you want to do something. . And sometimes if you're lucky, the people who really get to make all the decisions will let you do so. It's their call. . The torch is passed to a new generation, as well as the bouncy seat, and the breast pump, and the baby wipes."

In the tradition of her best

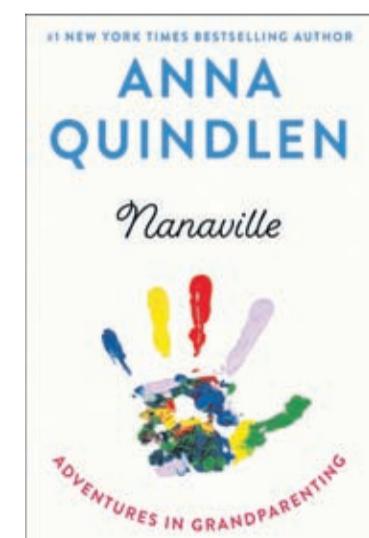
New York Times and Newsweek columns over the years, Quindlen mixes wit and wisdom as she shares her thoughts on this new stage in life.

"A big part of our grandparent job is expressing ecstatic appreciation for everything from urination to reflexes. We must always silence the irritated voice of adult complacency: OK, I get it, I get it, you drew a 3. But honestly, a 3 isn't that hard. A 5, now, there's a number. No. It is the greatest 3 that anyone has ever drawn."

In addition to those laugh-out-loud moments, the book contains enough facts and historical insights to ground it as more than

just a proud nana sharing family stories. Did you know grandparents are more likely to see the children of their daughters than their sons? Or that when Arthur was born, one in seven newborns in America were multiracial or multiethnic? Neither did Quindlen, until she took up residence in Nanaville. Waiting in line at a Baby Gap with Arthur in a sling, she's asked for a second time where the Chinese-American child on her chest is from. "Whole Foods," she tells the stranger.

Out well before National Grandparents Day on Sept. 8, "Nanaville" is worth a visit for anyone whose baby either now has a baby or is



This image released by Random House shows "Nanaville: Adventures in Grandparenting" by Anna Quindlen.

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getting ready to welcome one. □

'Avengers Endgame' nears global record with over \$2 billion

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Avengers: Endgame" continued its global domination at the box office in a second week victory lap that saw the blockbuster cross the \$2 billion mark in record time and unseat "Titanic" as the second highest-grossing film ever worldwide. Domestically, newcomers, including thrillers ("The Intruder"), well-

reviewed comedies ("Long Shot") or animated family fare ("Uglydolls") were left in the dust to pick up the scraps.

The Walt Disney Co. estimated Sunday that "Endgame" added \$145.8 million from North American theaters and \$282.2 million internationally bringing its global total to \$2.2 billion. "Endgame" is one of five movies to ever reach that threshold and, not

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accounting for inflation, is now second worldwide

only to "Avatar's" \$2.8 billion. "Avatar" reached \$2 billion in 47 days of release compared with 11 for "Endgame," although in 2009 the theatrical landscape was different, most notably so in China.

"The sprint to \$2 billion is unbelievable. We're in uncharted territory," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "Usually films like this are marathoners."

To reach "Avatar's" global record, however, "Endgame" will have to turn into a marathoner itself and the summer movie season

is only going to get more competitive.

Still, "it's got a real chance at getting there," Dergarabedian said.

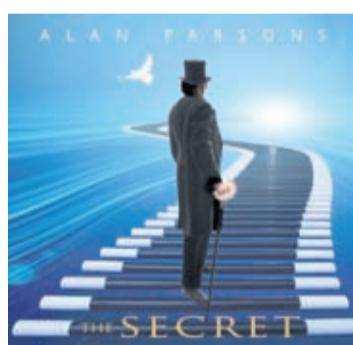
Domestically, "Endgame," which is still playing on 4,662 screens, scored the second biggest second weekend ever with a sum that would be impressive for any film on opening weekend. Even its 59% drop is notable considering how front-loaded it was. "Endgame" has now grossed \$619.7 million in North America, making it the ninth biggest of all time, behind "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

New films entering the marketplace hardly stood a

chance, but some saw successes even in the shadow of "Endgame."

In second place, "The Intruder," a modestly budgeted (\$8 million) thriller with Dennis Quaid and Meagan Good, survived poor reviews and did the best of the batch with \$11 million in box office receipts. The Sony/Screen Gems film was released on 2,222 screens. Although close behind on the charts in third place, Lionsgate and Point Grey's "Long Shot," a politically-themed romantic comedy with Seth Rogen and Charlize Theron, failed to make a significant dent against its pricier budget. The film. □

Alan Parsons quotes from his past on 'The Secret'



This cover image released by Frontiers Music Srl shows "The Secret," a release by Alan Parsons.

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By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

Alan Parsons, "The Secret" (Frontiers)
Magic is one of the themes of "The Secret," Alan Parsons' latest project, and it

is best represented by the instrumental opening tune, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Its many moods over nearly six minutes are like an orchestrated soundtrack to a '60s animated Disney film or a magician's stage act, with Steve Hackett, Nathan East and Vinnie Colaiuta helping to embellish Parsons' passion.

On his first solo studio album since 2004, Parsons — without longtime collaborator Eric Woolfson (who died in 2009) — is back with a familiar approach: a handful of lead vocalists, crystal, smooth sounds and pop songs with classical and progressive rock elements. Parsons recently turned 70

and won his first Grammy this year after over a dozen nominations, picking up best immersive audio album for "Eye In the Sky — 35th Anniversary Edition." His first nomination was at the 1974 Grammys for his work as an engineer on Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," so it's no surprise then that many songs on "The Secret" have autumnal lyrics dealing with the passing of time. Parsons himself sings "As Lights Fall," which has myriad echoes of "Eye In the Sky," and it sounds autobiographical: "My sword was cast in songs of light/ In sparks and waves, enchanted nights." □

Madonna gives emotional speech at GLAAD Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna, a pioneer for gay rights, accepted the Advocate for Change Award at the 2019 GLAAD Media Awards with a rousing speech that went from playful to emotional, bringing the audience to its feet.

The 60-year-old pop icon turned heads as she walked to her table at the Hilton Midtown in New York on Saturday night, before taking the stage to celebrate her three decades of advocacy work in the LGBTQ community.

"Why have I always fought for change? That's a hard question to answer. It's like trying to explain the importance of reading or the need to love. Growing up I always felt like an outsider, like I didn't fit in. It wasn't because I didn't shave under my armpits, I just didn't fit in, OK," she said. "The first gay man I ever met was named Christopher Flynn. He was my ballet teacher in



Honoree Madonna accepts the advocate for change award at the 30th annual GLAAD Media Awards at the New York Hilton Midtown on Saturday, May 4, 2019, in New York.

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high school and he was the first person that believed in me, that made me feel special as a dancer, as an

artist and as a human being. I know this sounds trivial and superficial, but he was the first man to tell me I was

beautiful."

Madonna went on to say Flynn took her to her first gay club in Detroit, and

that the evening changed her life.

"For the first time I saw men kissing men, girls dressed like boys, boys wearing hot pants, insane, incredible dancing and a kind of freedom and joy and happiness that I had never seen before," she said.

"I finally felt like I was not alone, that it was OK to be different and to not be like everybody else. And that after all, I was not a freak. I felt at home, and it gave me hope."

Madonna also said Flynn pushed her to leave Michigan and go to New York to pursue her dreams. And when she arrived in the Big Apple in 1977, she was in awe with all New York had to offer — diversity, creativity — but she also learned about the AIDS epidemic.

"The plague that moved in like a black cloud over New York City and in a blink of an eye," she said and snapped her fingers, "took out all of my friends." □

Italian artist Lorenzo Quinn builds bridges over Venice

MILAN (AP) — Italian artist Lorenzo Quinn created a splash on the sidelines of the Venice Biennale contemporary art fair two years ago with a gigantic sculpture of a child's hands reaching out of the Grand Canal, calling attention to climate change that threatens, among other things, to sink the lagoon city.

For this edition, Quinn has created a successor sculpture that he wants to be a call to action: Six pairs of arching hands creating a bridge over a Venetian waterway, symbolic of the need to build bridges and overcome divisions.

They are being erected in the Arsenale former shipyard against the backdrop of a city that stands as an historic East-West gateway — and as Europe prepares to vote in a continent-wide election that is shaping up as a battle of populism against more open social democratic traditions.

The sculpture isn't meant as a campaign platform,



An artistic rendering of Lorenzo Quinn's six pairs of arching hands creating a bridge over a Venetian waterway.

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Quinn says. But his ideals are clear.

"Humanity has never grown by creating barriers. It always grows when it opens up its borders and it welcomes new cultures," Quinn told The Associated Press by telephone on Friday as he oversaw the installation another pair of the arching, clasping, white resin hands.

"Venice is a testament to that. Venice opened routes to Asia, the Far East, with Marco Polo and the Merchants of Venice. It has been a driving force of European growth always."

Quinn's "Building Bridges" installation, like "Support" before it, is a collateral event to the Venice Biennale, which runs May 11-Nov. 24.

Both projects have been backed by Venice city officials, after the Biennale refused to accept "Support" two years ago.

But the lack of formal art fair acceptance has hardly mattered. The monumental sculpted hands proved to be one of the most popular works of 2017, even though it was out of the official Bi-

ennale, one of the many side events that vie for the attention of the art world that floods Venice every two years.

Due to its enormous success, "Support" was extended six months beyond the close of the 2017 Biennale, and now is slated for permanent installation on the island of San Servolo, opposite the Biennale's Giardini. Quinn said that cities — he won't say which — already have opened a bidding process to win "Building Bridges" once its Biennale stint is closed.

Quinn — the 52-year-old son of the late actor Anthony Quinn — said the biggest compliments he received for "Support" were not for its execution or aesthetics.

"Quite a few people said to me that the sculpture 'Support' struck a chord in them, in that due to the sculpture they changed their daily habits," he said, from not running water while brushing their teeth to taking shorter showers. □

Wellness travel: It's more than just staying fit on the road

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— It's one thing when hotels open fitness centers, but quite another when fitness centers open hotels. Luxe gym Equinox is opening a hotel in New York's new Hudson Yards neighborhood next year in a move that embodies the evolution of wellness travel. Most hotels have beefed up fitness options — you can book rooms with stationary bikes and rent workout clothes — but wellness travel has become much more than just keeping fit while on the road. Increasingly it's become the point of the journey. And it's bringing in big dollars.

Whether it's foraging for your own medicinal herbs in Peru, cycling across the California coastline or spending several thousand dollars to workout alongside celeb trainer Tracy Anderson in Aspen, Colorado, wellness tourists made 691 million trips in 2015, according to the Global Wellness Institute.

In the past, wellness vacations straddled between starvation-style bootcamps or relaxing spa weekends to detox from an unhealthy lifestyle. But as self-care has evolved into a daily goal, it's found an obvious match in travel. International and domestic wellness tourism brought in \$563 billion in 2015, up from \$489 billion in 2013, according to the Global Wellness Institute. Wellness travel is expected to grow to \$808 billion by 2020.

The travel trend has mir-



This July 24, 2017 photo provided by Wanderlust, participants work out on paddle boards during Wanderlust Squaw Valley 2017, in North Lake Tahoe, Calif.

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rored the shift in retail. Gone are the days when shoppers head to a brick-and-mortar store to buy shoes that they could buy online. Instead, they're being lured to stores by experiences.

Similarly, vacationers are less excited about lying on the beach with umbrella drinks. They too want a more immersive experience, like a yoga meditation retreat or surf camp, to connect with others and revitalize themselves, experts say.

"(Fitness has) gone from being an activity to now it's a destination. It's a purpose," said Marshal Cohen, an analyst for the trend group NPD. "That's a huge shift in spending. We're not building wardrobes anymore.

We're building memories and the photos we're clicking on our phones and posting on social media are the fruits of our labor." The Curtain Bluff resort in Antigua launched a new wellness concierge where guests can meet with the team at no extra charge to design their own fitness program including everything from zumba to pilates. Amanpuri's resort in Phuket, Thailand, created four wellness immersions, where guests can focus on fitness, weight loss, digestive cleanses or mental awareness during a three- to 14-night vacation. Offerings include reiki, an alternative stress-reduction therapy, and life-coaching. The trend is even spilling over to cruises, once stereotyped as weight-gaining vacations with bottomless buffets. Now, wellness can be the point of the cruise. Holland America Line, in partnership with O, The Oprah Magazine, has programs for meditation and healthy living.

Cruise passengers can also combine wellness with sightseeing in ports of call. Take a shore excursion on a Regent Seven Seas cruise, for example, and you might end up doing yoga on a coconut plantation in Ko Samui, Thailand, or outdoor tai chi in Marseille, France, with a view of the sea.

one side and a palace on the other.

"We are seeing (cruise) lines of every ilk and size embrace healthy eating, fitness, all sorts of positive, new kinds of approaches to yoga and that kind of thing," said CruiseCritic editor at large Carolyn Spencer Brown.

Savvy athleisure retailers are also seizing on it. Lululemon and Free People, a bohemian line popular with yogis, have both branched into wellness tourism. Free People's retreats started a few years ago where participants can exercise and try journaling or tarot card workshop in spots like Glacier National Park. Zen travelers are shelling out thousands to follow celebrity trainers to exotic destinations. Tracy Ander-

son, who is Gwyneth Paltrow's business partner and the trainer who shapes Jennifer Lopez's famous booty, hosts a handful of intimate weekends each year with less than 40 guests. Participants sweat alongside the fitness guru and get to know her during fireside-style chats in cities including Miami and Aspen. The weekends, priced at several thousand dollars, always sell out.

Shakira's trainer Anna Kaiser leads a few trips a year, including recent stints in Ojai and Austin. And retreats for the hot workout du jour The Class by Taryn Toomey have all sold out, often within one hour. Toomey's guests pay between \$2,000 and \$6,000 for her cathartic workouts with options for beachside massages and picturesque hikes in spots like Mustique and Mexico. Roughly 100,000 wellness lovers attended uber-popular Wanderlust festivals across North America last year, partaking in everything from yoga and meditation to stand-up paddleboarding and spinning in spots like Oahu, Hawaii, and Squaw Valley, California.

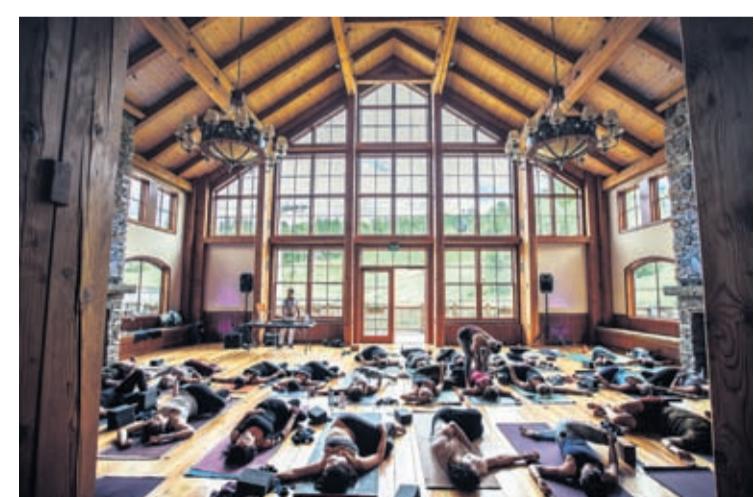
Meghan Aftosmis loved Wanderlust's Vermont event so much last year that she's heading back in a few weeks.

The 39-year-old public relations exec from Delaware says she was eager to take yoga classes with one of the celebrity teachers. She also took a poetry session with a teacher she'd been following online. □



This June 16, 2017 photo provided by Harrison Liu, shows guests from a Regent Seven Seas cruise doing tai chi outdoors on a port call in Marseille, France, with a view of the sea.

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In this June 21, 2017 photo provided by Wanderlust, participants work out during Wanderlust Stratton 2017, in Bondville, VT.

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